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AWFUL ACCIDENT.

Gasoline Explosion Causes Loss of Life at Cleveland.

FIVE PERSONS WILL SURELY DIE.

Jacob Ciclex Made a Serious Mistake in Making a Fire—Panic in a School House in Boston.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—The family of Jacob Ciclez, was almost completely wiped out this morning by the explosion of a gasoline lamp. Eight persons were burned and five will probably die. Ciclez and wife and three of their children are the worst sufferers. The fourth child with Albert Jerno and Joseph Jergo, boarders, were badly burned. Ciclez rose early to light the fire and mistook the gasoline lamp for kerosene. The explosion followed application of the match.

MARK HANNA'S PLANS.

He Will Stay at Home and Get Ready for the Senatorial Contest.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—It is definitely settled that M. A. Hanna will not go into McKinley's cabinet. Hanna announced this morning he had determined to remain in Ohio. He will contest in the legislature next winter for the full term in the United States senate. In fact, Hanna's supporters have already organized his campaign.

Hon. John Grant, member of the national Republican committee from Texas, was a caller at the office of Mr. Hanna and was in conference for some time with the national chairman. It is understood that Mr. Grant is here in the interest of his candidacy for a cabinet position.

Hon Sam P. Snyder, of Minneapolis, Minn, was also among those who conferred with Mr. Hanna during the day.

Mr. Grant said he had nothing to do with the efforts to have McKinley appoint him to the cabinet, his friends having acted without consulting him. He said that his business with Mr. Hanna was only in regard to the affairs of the national committee, of which both are members. Mr. Grant is a member of the inauguration reception committee, and came north for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of the position.

Senator Warner Miller visited Mr. Hanna today.

M. N. Garland, grand master workman of the Amalgamated association of iron and steel workers, was a visitor at Mr. Hanna's office. He declares that his mission was not of a political nature, but connected with the affairs of the association.

Other callers upon Mr. Hanna were ex-Governor Lyon of Newark, Ohio, and Colonel J. H. Brigham of Delaware, Ohio.

Mr. Hanna announced that Major McKinley would not come to Cleveland this week, as expected.

"The president-elect," said Mr. Hanna, "has decided not to leave Canton until March 2, when he starts for Washington. He will devote his time now to recuperating and will see but few visitors."

Mr. Hanna will leave for Washington on Feb. 25, and will occupy apartments at the Arlington. The Hannas will not have a private car.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARMERS.

The Institute at Taylorville—Papers Discussed at the Meeting.

Taylorville, Ill., Feb. 19.—The second day of the Christian county farmers' institute showed undiminished attendance and interest. Chairman Harry Grundy of Morrisonville, spoke on "How Best to Restore and Maintain the Fertility of the Soil." Thornton Hunter and George Large, of Taylorville, also discussed this subject. C. A. Shamel of Chicago, managing editor of the Orange Judd Farmer, delivered an address on "Weeds." S. B. Harrison of Morrisonville, an extensive fruit grower, read a paper on "Fruit Culture as an Aid to Health and a Means of Profit on the Farm." "What Can the Average Farmer Do to Better His Condition?" was the subject of general discussion. Fred Grundy of Morrisonville, read a paper on "The Importance of Poultry Raising." Music was furnished by the Taylorville Ladies' quartet and the Taylorville Male quartet. Miss Maude Temple of Taylorville, recited.

Resolutions were drafted, expressing the institute's disapproval of a bill now before the legislature to establish a farmers' institute bureau at the University of Illinois. Were the bill to become a law it would tend to give the management of the institute work to the bureau, and have an influence to lessen the interest of the masses in the work. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Richard Stone, president; W. T. Baker, vice president; J. W. Hunter, secretary; George Large, treasurer. After receiving and acting upon the reports of committees and transacting miscellaneous business, the institute adjourned sine die.

MAJ. GEN. ROBINSON DEAD.

Famous War Veteran Passed Away at Binghamton, N. Y.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Major General John C. Robinson died at his home here yesterday. He was born in this city April 10, 1817, and after being graduated from West Point began to study law. In 1839 he was commissioned second lieutenant of the 5th United States infantry, and assigned to duty in the northwest. During the Mexican war he was commissioned captain.

When the south had seceded he was put in command of Fort McHenry. His brilliant defense of this stronghold made him famous. In September, 1861, he was commissioned colonel of the First Michigan volunteers, and shortly afterward was made major of the Second United States infantry. He became brigadier general of volunteers in 1862. At the battle of Spottsylvania he was wounded in the knee, and a week later the leg was amputated. He was brevetted major general of volunteers in 1864, and "for gallant actions" in the fields was brevetted lieutenant colonel, United States army, in 1863, colonel in 1864, and a brigadier and finally a major general in 1865. He also received a congressional medal for distinguished gallantry at Laurel Hill, Va., May 8, 1864. He was retired in 1869, with the rank of major general, United States army.

In 1877 and 1878 he was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. General Robinson was a Republican and in 1872 was elected lieutenant governor of this state. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

General Robinson leaves two sons, Lieutenant J. M. Robinson, United States navy, and Cleveland Robinson, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Hall of White Hall, N. Y. The funeral will be held Sunday.

GARY GETS THE PLACE.

Confirmation of Many Rumors--Appointee at Canton.

Canton, Feb. 19.—Hon. J. A. Gary of Baltimore, spoken of for postmaster general, arrived here this morning and proceeded at once to the McKinley residence.

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—A private dispatch recieved here leaves no doubt that James A. Gary of this city, has been tendered the appointment of postmaster general by Mr. McKinley.

Speculation.

Canton, Feb. 19.—The published reports to the effect that Col. J. J. McCook of New York, has been tendered the portfolio of attorney general cannot be verified. It is thought, however, that Judge McKenna may be attorney general and that McCook's name may in that event be under consideration for secretary of the interior, which, with Long for the navy, and Gary for postmaster general, would complete the cabinet.

New York, Feb. 19.—Col. J. J. McCook said today that he had not received directly nor indirectly from McKinley any intimation that he had been or would be tendered a position in the cabinet.

Sure to be in the Cabinet.

Canton, Feb. 19.—After a conference of several hours, Mr. Gary said to the Associated Press: "Governor McKinley tendered me a portfolio in his cabinet While it is not definitely settled which one, I am assured it will be one I can accept."

Triple Shooting Affray.

Odin, Ill., Feb. 19.—Yesterday afternoon a shooting scrape took place at the Illinois Central depot in which three colored coal miners, William Burke or Burch, Elmer Jackson and William Johnson, were each wounded, Burke perhaps fatally. Johnson and Jackson were talking together on the platform, when Burke came up, armed with a shotgun, and opened fire upon them. Jackson was shot in the hip, Johnson in the legs and lower part of the body. Burke ran, but was soon captured and brought back to the depot. Johnson thereupon drew a revolver and shot Burke.

The Trust Investigation.

New York, Feb. 19.—Henry Burn, president of the National Wall Paper company, was the first witness to be before the legislative committee investigating trusts. He vigorously denied that his company drove a large number of jobbers out of business.

Burn said the jobbers were not obliged to sell at the prices fixed by the company. The company had an agreement with the labor union under which it was compelled to give employes work eleven months each year.

Fatal Wreck on the I. C. Road.

Bosky Dell, Ill., Feb. 19.—One engine and fourteen freight cars with contents were demolished in a wreck today on the Illinois Central railroad. The engineer, fireman and one brakeman were killed.

WEYLER ELUDED.

Gomez Again Crosses His Lines and Moves Toward Havana.

HAS AN ARMY OF 15,000 MEN.

Gen. Rivera Active in Pinar del Rio—Spanish Atrocities Continue—They Sell Captive Cuban Girls to Soldiers.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19.—Private information has been received in this city of the whereabouts of General Gomez. He has succeeded in sliding by General Weyler, and is now between him and Havana.

General Gomez gave the command for an advance with strict orders that any man who struck a match or smoked would be court martialed. He then advanced on the Moron trocha in the eastern end of the island with 5000 cavalry and 10,000 infantry. He advanced on the fort at midnight, and when he was discovered by the Spanish, who fired on him, he ordered the cavalry to charge. They swooped down on the fort, and captured it and the whole army went through the trocha. All of the arms and ammunition of the fort were captured. The army then continued the march, and was encamped at Veguite when the news was sent to this city by a courier. His order in taking the fort was to use the machete only, and the cavalry made a gallant fight.

A band of Spanish guerrillas, under Major Loren, raided a camp of country pacificos near Casigua, Havana province, Tuesday, killing eight of the ten men found there and ill-treating the women, some twelve in number. A Cuban boy escaped and carried the story to the camp of an insurgent band near by, commanded by one of General Luert's officers. The Spanish troops were closely pursued and later attacked as they forded a small stream. The Cubans fell upon them with great fury on account of their recent massacre of Cuban women, and for half an hour the fight raged fiercely. Many of the Spaniards were drowned in the creek and the troops were driven off in utter rout, with the loss of nearly forty men. Four prisoners, captured by the Cubans, were instantly shot.

A raid was made night before last upon an outpost, five miles from Havana, the Spanish sentry lines being driven half a mile with a loss of ten men. The insurgents fired several buildings, the glare being seen in Havana. Troops were ordered sent to the scene of the disturbance yesterday. The Cuban bands encamp in plain view of the block houses, in the suburbs, near Havana, and it is seldom that they are attacked by the garrisons. The Spanish officers say with a shrug, "There's no glory there—those devils shoot to kill."

IN PINAR DEL RIO.

Rivera Active—Spanish Atrocities Continue—They Sell Cuban Girls.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19.—(Sent by mail from Havana to avoid press censor.)—While Gomez is keeping the Spanish columns in the east busy, General Rivera is doing his share in the west, though the Spanish censor never permits a word to go out contradicting Weyler's ultimatum that "Pinar del Rio is pacified."

Last week a detachment from Rivera's army, numbering about 600, met and defeated over 600 Spanish troops under the veteran, Colonel Lasero. The Cubans attacked Lasero's camp at daybreak, dashing through the place and making a complete surprise. Lasero fled from his tent half dressed to avoid capture. Several of his officers were killed in their beds. The Spaniards rallied soon after, but the surprise was too great, and after a spiritless defense of half an hour they retired in confusion toward San Christobal. The camp equipage was burned and the Cubans secured much needed supplies. The Spanish loss was nearly 200 wounded, killed and captured, while the Cubans lost a few men.

Near Artemisa another supply train was wrecked Tuesday, ten men of the guard being killed by the explosion of a bomb that was under the track. Hardly a train in that section can now get through, as the insurgents have lined the roadway with their camps and they know when the trains with exceptional good supplies are sent off.

Another auction sale of girls took place at Artemisa Monday, ten young girl captives being sold to Spanish soldiers and officers. Those sold previously were released for effect after Havana priests had sent in their protests, but were afterward returned to their masters. The Catholic clergy at Havana has made a strong protest to Marquis Abumada, but to no effect. The bishop of Havana has sent a protest to Rome and to Madrid on the subject. His cable message was refused here by the censor, and he had to forward it by mail.

As Told at Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—The statement published about operations in the Phillipines in all respects realized plans of General Polavieja. The rebels were in an advantageous position in Tamplona to the number of three thousand. They were attacked by Spaniards and after courageous resistance were routed at the point of bayonet with a loss of 400. The Spanish loss was twenty killed, forty-seven wounded.

King of Green Goods Men Ryan.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 19.—Mike Ryan, alias John Roberts, the king of green goods men, must serve his sentence of two years and six months in the state prison at Trenton and pay a fine of $1000. The court of errors at Trenton yesterday affirmed the decision of the Bergen county court. The trial of Ryan at Hackensack was unusually sensational, and two or three county officials narrowly escaped being dragged into the case. Prosecutor Stagg was threatened with impeachment for causing a certain county official's name to be used during the trial, but the prosecutor never wavered, and yesterday he was congratulated on all sides. Mike Ryan was convicted of maintaining a green goods joint at Lyndhurst during the summer of 1895. The establishment seemed to have thrived under the protection of certain county and township officials. Constable Anderson confessed that Constable McKenna and himself were paid to keep quiet. Two "comeons" from Philadelphia were almost murdered by the green goods men one afternoon, which led to the arrest of Ryan.

Since the trial, Walter Shafer of Passaic, the chief witness for the state, has died. It has been said that had the decision been reversed it would have been impossible to convict Ryan again without the testimony of Shafer.

Exchanges a Fortune for a Cloister.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—By the will of the late Frederick Taylor of New York his niece, Miss Jewell, who recently was received into the Order of the Sacred Heart at the Maryville convent in South St. Louis, is deprived of her share in his estate because she persisted in becoming a nun. Mr. Taylor left nearly $200,000 to charity. Miss Jewell, one of his sister's children, was his favorite niece. He intended leaving her quite a large sum, but on hearing that she had embraced the Catholic faith and intended becoming a nun he changed his mind. Thinking, however, that she might waive her fealty to her adopted religion, he placed this clause in his will:

"One of my nieces has embraced the Catholic faith and is soon to become a sister of the Order of the Sacred Heart. If she will not become a sister, but will sever her connection with the Catholic church, I will direct my executor to set aside for her $25,000 and pay her the income."

The nuns at the Maryville convent were not disposed to discuss the case at length this morning. Mme. Lyons, the mother, said that Miss Jewell had decided to remain with the order.

Killed by His Uncle.

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 19.—Charles Pinkerton, aged 22, was killed by his uncle, Charles Pinkerton, after whom he was named, in the woods in the southeast part of the county yesterday afternoon. The two have previously quarreled, and at this meeting the quarrel was resumed. The junior Pinkerton called his uncle a disreputable name and the latter retaliated by slapping him. Young Pinkerton advanced upon him with a club and in spite of the threat to kill him should he strike, struck his uncle a blow on the head. Pinkerton then stabbed him with a skinning knife, death resulting shortly afterward. The murderer came to the city with his wife to consult a lawyer, and was soon after arrested. He claims young Pinkerton had threatened his life, and says he carried the knife to protect himself. The deceased leaves a widow and child.

Used a Stocking for a Halter.

Alton, Ill., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Sophia Metzel of Alhambra, committed suicide at that place Wednesday afternoon, by hanging herself to a bed post with a stocking. She was the wife of a prosperous farmer Domestic troubles are given as the cause. Coroner H. J. Bailey held an inquest, and a verdict of suicide was found.

Mason in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 19.—Senator-elect W. E. Mason of Illinois, wife, son and party left Jacksonville last evening for a trip up the St John's river. The senator's health appears to be much improved by his trip to the south. He will remain in Florida several weeks.

Stocks Seriously Affected.

London, Feb. 19.—The feeling on stock exchange was very gloomy. The situation in the far east is regarded with grave misgivings. The fall in prices is general. The same conditions prevail on continental bourses.

ON THE GALLOWS.

Two Murderers Swung Into Eternity as Just Punishment For Their Crime.

ONE HIS WIFE, THE OTHER A CHILD.

Latest Complications in the War Speck in the East—Cretans Clinging to Greece, and the Greeks Active and Defiant.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Daniel McCarthy, the printing house employe, was hanged at noon today for the murder of his wife last May. The deed was committed in a fit of jealousy. McCarthy was strangled to death.

In Delaware.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 19.—Thomas Willis, colored was hanged at New Castle this afternoon for the murder of an infant child last March, because he said it became a burden to him.

Trouble Ahead.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—Newspapers here reflect on Emperor William's bitter resentment at the rejection by Great Britain of his personal proposal to coerce Greece. The kaizer's proposal caused great surprise in diplomatic circles because it was assumed that he would not oppose Greek pretentions owing to his sister, Sophia, being the wife of the crown prince of Greece. It appears, however, that there has long been an absolute estrangement between them. The National Seitung says: "The future will show whether the agreement of the powers will be disturbed by manifestation of separate British interests which promises to raise the veil shrouding the origin of the extremely strange Greek adventure.

Fight in Progress.

Canea, Feb. 19.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—The Garrison of Fort Boukolies composed of 300 soldiers and 160 Cretan Musselmen, after being dislodged by the Greek artillry retired to Alliklianu where they were again beleagured. The fighting is still proceeding. The government armed Musselman and volunteers have started to the rescue.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Bills Introduced To-Day—Adjournment of Both Houses Until Tuesday.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—In the house today a resolution was adopted asking the United States secretary of state to use good offices in behalf of Sylvester Scoville, the New York World correspondent, now in prison in Cuba. A resolution by McAniry, was adopted asking congress to pass a bill to compel the marking of all convict made goods as such. Bryan introduced bill as a supplement to the arbitration law of 73. It provides that it shall be lawful for people to make mutual agreements for arbitration disputes in respect to future transactions and that no action at law between them will be allowed until after arbitration has taken place. Adjourned till Tuesday.

In the senate the session was brief and unimportant. Monroe introduced a bill granting women the right to vote at special town meetings and for town officers. Adjourned till Tuesday.

IN CONGRESS.

Vote on the Arbitration Treaty will be Delayed Until After March 4.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The senate after a brief time spent in the transaction of routine business, went into executive session on the general arbitration treaty. Nelson spoke in favor of the adoption of his motion to postpone action until the 5th of March. He said he was a friend of the resolution but was convinced that a vote could not be reached at this session. Teller and Stewart supported the motion. Platt urged prompt action.

In the house by a vote of 100 to 44 the report was rejected recommending that the widow of General Carr be pensioned at the rate of $75 per month instead of $50.

The general deficiency bill was then taken up. Several attempts by Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee, to limit debate on it were defeated.

Removed by Mistake.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—W. S. Matthews of Kinmundy, late trustee of the southern hospital for the insane at Anna, was removed by Governor Tanner through a mistake. Representative John A. Barnes, who is the governor's son-in-law, said last evening:

"Mr. Matthews about a month ago placed his resignation in my hands, with the request that I present it to the governor. I agreed to do this, but completely forgot about it. Mr. Matthews supposed he had resigned until he learned through the newspapers yesterday that he had been removed. The governor was entirely ignorant of the fact that I had Mr. Matthews' resignation in my pocket, and so removed him from office."

DANA AND THE SUN.

Independent Course in the News Getting Line Announced.

New York, Feb. 19.—The Sun this morning prints the following double leaded editorial: "Our associates in the conduct of the United Press, the Tribune, Herald and Times, having entered upon negotiations for a surrender of the United Press to the Chicago Associated Press, without consultation with the Sun and without even asking our consent, it becomes proper that we should give public notice to whom it may concern, that the Sun has no part in these negotiations, but firmly rejects them, believing them to be conceived in bad faith and conducted in folly. Furthermore, the Sun makes known that thirty days from date hereof it will cease to be member of the United Press. The Sun will also continue to collect news for itself and discharge all obligations imposed on it through confidence in its contemporaries, now and hereafter.

BIG INDEMNITY DEMANDED.

The Transvaal's Bill for the Jameson Raid is About $7,500,000.

London, Feb. 19.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Sir Joseph Chamberlain, announce to the house of commons that an official telegram had been received from the British agent at Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal, on Tuesday conveying a bill of indemnity presented by the Transvaal as a result of the Jameson raid. The bill he added, is divided into two heads. The first asks for the payment of £577,938.3 3d as a material change, and under the second head the Transvaal asked for £1,000,000 for "moral and intellectual damage."

The telegram states that the foregoing demands do not include the legitimate private claims which may be advanced, and also says that the indemnity is to be paid by the British government, "or caused to be paid by them."

JACKSON AND WALLING.

They Will be Hanged March 20 for the Murder of Pearl Bryan.

Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—Sheriff Plummer has received the death warrants in the cases of Jackson and Walling, condemned for the murder of Pearl Bryan, with directions to carry the warrant into execution between sunrise and sunset of March 20. This gives to the sheriff the power to make two executions, one after the other, or of hanging both men at once. He has announced the latter method. Judge Helm ordered a death watch to be placed on the condemned.

READY FOR WOLF HUNT.

Sportsmen Will Congregate for the Affair, Which is to Take Place Saturday.

Tuscola, Ill., Feb. 19.—Arrangements are being made for a wolf chase on a large scale, to occur five miles west of this city Feb. 20, when several hundred sportsmen will take part on horseback. About thirty hounds have been engaged, and there are from five to seven large wolves in that vicinity. Sportsmen from Chicago and St. Louis will take part, and the hunters are expected to be on the ground at 8 a. m.

The Mothers' Congress.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Miss Julia King of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, delivered the opening paper before the mothers' congress this morning on "Physical Culture." She maintained it is not only physical, but also mental and ethical. Mrs. Ellen Richardson of Boston, followed with a paper on "Character Building versus Education."

Mrs. Sallie A. Cotton of Falkland, N. C., closed the morning program with a paper on "National Training for Women." She held that the nation's future rested in scientific motherhood. To make this effective it must not be confined to a favored few; therefore nations should establish national training schools for women, to teach them the science of domesticity and peace, just as at West Point and Annapolis men are trained in the science of war.

Big Sale of Land.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—The great Murphy ranch of 20,800 acres in San Luis, Obispo county, has been purchased for $22,000 by a syndicate. It will be subdivided and occupied by fifty families from Iowa. The land is on the Southern Pacific, near Paso Robles. The soil is adapted to grain, fruit and grazing.

Death of a Southerner.

New York, Feb. 19.—Augustus S. Seymore, of New Berne, N. C., judge of the United States district court for the eastern district of North Carolina, died here today of cancer of the stomach.

Panic at School.

Boston, Feb. 19.—A fire in the Everett school building this morning caused a panic among the pupils. Many were injured. Ambulances took thirteen to the hospital. Fire damage is slight.

THE COOK MURDER TRIAL.

Maros People on the Witness Stand at Havana.

There was nothing sensational in the Cook murder case at Havana yesterday, aside from several spirited legal squabbles between the opposing attorneys. The first witness called was Stella Bennett, a sister of the victim of Cook's cussedness. She testified as to the condition of her sister. Mrs. Lucy Eninger, another sister, testified to the same effect. Mark Bennett, a brother, testified that his sister kept house for him at Maros, during which time she kept company with Cook. Mr. Yeakle testified to the fact of Cook's having kept company with Miss Bennett.

Dr. J. M. Wilcox held a post-mortem and found that some blunt instrument had been used a great many times, apparently. R. N. Dills, Charles Dalzell, John M. Paulin, James H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burford, Miss Josie Dibble and Miss Lou Wysong testified to having seen Miss Bennett in Atlanta on Feb. 12, in company with Cook. It was at this time that the abortion was attempted, for complicity in which Cook is now on trial for his life.

The examination of witnesses will be continued and the case is likely to drag along through the rest of the week.

INSTITUTE AND WEDDING.

Events at Mt. Zion on Wednesday—Workers in the Country.

The normal bible institute held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion Wednesday by George W. Miller, state worker of the Sabbath school union, was a most instructive and gratifying service. P. P. Laughlin county president of the Sabbath school union, and Rev. A. W. Hawkins of Decatur, were present. The meeting was especially notable for its earnestness and deep spirituality. Brother Miller will hold institutes in Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Travis and Miss Rachael Thompson were married at Mt. Zion yesterday at 6:30 p. m., by Rev. M. C. Cockrum, pastor of the C. P. church. The wedding took place at the parsonage and was a very quiet affair. Both of the young people are highly respected residents of Mt. Zion.

Charity Store Closed.

The charity headquarters have been closed for the season. There have been very few calls during the past few days and last night the place was closed up. The charity store this year was the means of giving great assistance to the poor people. While the weather was cold there were many applications for assistance and all the poor families who were in need were given food, clothing and fuel. The records of the store show that about 475 poor families were given help.

Musicale Entertainment.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Will Heilman gave a musicale to her friends at her home on West Decatur street. The hours were from 3 to 6 o'clock. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. D. H. Heilman. Vocal selections were given by Miss Emma Pahmeyer, Mrs. F. P. Howard, Miss Anna Roberts and a quartet composed of Mrs. Robert Mueller, Miss Scruggs, Miss Howard and Mrs. Howard. Piano solos were given by Mrs. A. B. Alexander, Miss Bessie Young, Miss Bunn and Miss Neta Clark.

Robert Oglesby in China.

This morning L. L. Burrows received a letter from Robert Oglesby who went to Shanghai, China, last year. He sailed from this country on a merchant vessel on August first and did not reach his destination until Jan. 7. He writes that he arrived safely and enjoyed the trip. The ocean voyage was a long one. The vessel went from this country around the Cape of Good Hope and then to China. Mr. Oglesby expects to take a trip up one of the rivers and visit the interior of the country.

Death of a Brother.

Springfield Journal: Major James A. Connolly was called from Washington last Friday to Indiana by the announcement of the death of his youngest brother, Frank Connolly. The interment was made in Mansfield, Ohio, Monday. The deceased was a bright young lawyer. For a number of years he had been paralyzed and lived in an invalid chair. Major Connolly returned to Washington Tuesday.

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To play with him in shed or field or wood,
He looks from windows—sees the white steam fizz;
A forestry of blackened smokestacks is
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His wealthy father buys him pretty clothes;
His mother garbs him out all trig and trim.
But, in all glory decked, do you suppose
That hungry-hearted little magnate knows
One-half the blessings that accrue to him?

He looks sometimes from out his window high
Across the intervening roof and sees
The watchman's child, who shouts a greeting cry
To some young neighbor of a loft near by—
He wishes well he might be one of these
With uncombed hair and patches at his knees.

The hotel child, unloved but by his own,
Has plays and toys. The watchman's boy has none.
But of all dreams the rich man's heir has known
The fondest is to be the watchman's son.
—Chicago Record.

A DANGEROUS MONSTER.

BY MEREDITH NUGENT.

SUDDEN crashing of the bushes and the infuriated rhinoceros looms into view. It is a thrilling moment for the hunter as the ugly monster, bleeding from ever so many wounds, charges upon him with all his might. Again the rifle rings out, but if the shot be not in the neck, and fatal, his horse will be disemboweled and himself fall a prey to the fury of the monster.

He who would hunt the rhinoceros must be brave indeed, for he has in that ill looking beast a foe that knows no fear, not because of its innate courage, but because it has not brains enough to run out of danger. Could a granite bowlder be suddenly infused with life, and of its own free will go whirling through the country, smashing everything in its path, it would in many respects resemble the headlong charge of an angered rhinoceros. Fatally wounded it will not fall; a shower of bullets will not deter it, and only death itself will put an end to the maddened impetuosity of its frenzied charge. It will sometimes attack an enemy without waiting to be attacked; neither is the presence of an enemy always necessary, for it will rush in wanton fury on logs, trees, and other senseless things, when once it is fairly aroused. Like a mad bull, it becomes perfectly frantic at the sight of any unusual object. A red blanket will enrage it terribly, as one intrepid hunter discovered to his cost. In this instance the blanket, which was part of the camp equipage, was discovered by a wandering rhinoceros, who at once savagely charged upon this bright object, piercing it through with his great horn. The amiability of the creature was not increased when he realized that after driving his horn through the blanket he could not shake the latter off. He had suddenly acquired an unlooked-for headdress, which not only prevented him from seeing, but greatly interfered with the movement of his forelegs. Off he started, however, as best he could, blanket and all. Never in all this wide world was there a more incongruous object than this maddened brute, rushing blindly through the forest, hither and thither, waving aloft the fiery token of his rage. The beasts of the field fled before him in wild dismay; even the birds of the air were panic-stricken at the sight of so unusual a performance in their native woods. There is no telling when he would have stopped had not a well-directed shot severed an artery, so that his life-blood gradually ebbed away, putting an end to about as ludicrous a situation as one could well imagine.

Hardly less absurd was the Kaffir native, who, while a member of our hunting party, became so excited over the chase that he seized an opportunity to jump upon the back of the fleeing rhinoceros. It is needless to say that the native went through so many weird experiences in such a very short time that, though he came out alive, he was thoroughly discouraged from trying any more such experiments.

Of course, the great creature became fairly terrorized at so unaccustomed a burden, and started off at a terrific pace for the brush. Every moment the rider was borne farther and farther from all hope of relief. To have tumbled off would have meant instant death, for the rhinoceros would not have missed such an opportunity to have charged upon him. To stay on was not only difficult but was fast growing impossible.

On galloped the brute, bucking and smashing into everything in its wild endeavor to free itself; but through all the native held on as though, like Mazeppa, he was bound to his steed. The limit of human endurance, however, was fast being reached, and the savage, from sheer exhaustion, could not hope to stay on much longer. There was just one chance to escape, and only one, and that was for the native to throw his blanket ahead of the rhinoceros, in hopes that the animal would mistake it for himself. The opportunity came; they were whirling rapidly toward a clump of bushes, when the native, with a mighty effort, flung his blanket far onto the lower branches. The ruse was a success. The rhinoceros thought he had his tormentor sure, for with all the fury he could muster he rushed madly upon the blanket and tore it into shreds. Meanwhile the native had nimbly slipped off the animal's back and beat a more than hasty retreat to friends and home.

Such good fortune, however, rarely happens; it is the providential care of fools. Only too often does the true hunter, the man of nerve—who deserves success—meet with the fate of the young Englishman, who, though a scion of nobility, showed his Anglo-Saxon ancestry in his love of adventure. His quest for big game had led him into a rough country which white men had never before penetrated. Accompanied by a friend, also an Englishman, he was riding merrily along, when he was surprised to see a very giant of a rhinoceros right ahead of him. Here was big game and no mistake.

"By Heaven!" he called out to his friend, "that fellow has a big horn! I must get him, sure!" and immediately fired at the brute. He might just as well have fired at a stone wall, for the ball had no effect on the rhinoceros whatever, other than to startle it. On the second shot the rhinoceros concluded it was time for disappearing, and forthwith plunged into a dense tangle of undergrowth. In vain did the men urge their horses through the tall brush in search of the giant beast, but nowhere was he to be seen. They scoured the country round about in all directions, but to no purpose—the monster had evidently vacated the neighborhood. Finally the young nobleman, having lost all hope of ever seeing the animal again, gave up the chase, and was quietly sitting in the saddle waiting for his friend to come up, when crash through the bushes came the big rhinoceros at terrific speed. Instantly the hunter saw his peril; quickly he spurred his horse to flight, but too late, for ere the faithful animal could fairly start, the rhinoceros had disemboweled him. The force of the charge was so great as to cause the horse to make a complete somersault. The rider was violently thrown to the ground, and before the dazed man could even attempt to rise, the beast had gored him to death.

All this happened so unexpectedly that the second rider, for the moment, could not realize what was taking place; and when at last he did come to his senses, it was only to see the mangled remains of his friend, over which stood the rhinoceros in savage guard. No bullet ever sped its vengeful way more surely than the one now aimed at the fiendish murderer, and none with more fatal effect. As the sharp crack of the rifle split the sultry air, the great brute fell dead, right in his tracks and partially over the prostrate form of his victim.

Although the horns of the rhinoceros do not look so formidable in themselves, when they are driven forward by the great weight of the rhinoceros a more

THE RHINOCEROS DISEMBOWELED HIM

frightful weapon does not exist. Some of these animals are armed with two horns, the front one occasionally measuring four feet in length. Just think of such a weapon, backed by hundreds and hundreds of pounds of muscular brute force.

Among the barbarians of Asia and Africa, the rhinoceros is used on festive days to fight for the amusement of a savage public. Special amphitheaters are built for the purpose, and royalty sanctions the combats by their presence. Seated in all the luxury of barbaric splendor, and carefully protected from the ferocious beasts in the arena, the dusky monarch looks enjoyably on while the animals struggle for victory. Two of the ugliest beasts that can be procured are entered for the fight, and after they have been tormented to a state bordering on frenzy, are pitted against each other. In order that the public may be enabled to follow the movements of each of the brutal gladiators, one will be painted red or green, and the other yellow, white or blue. The contest, as might well be imagined, is of a most repulsive nature; charge and countercharge follow each other in quick succession, while native attendants stand conveniently by and throw buckets of cold water over the animals to keep their fury at fever heat. The fight lasts until both beasts are exhausted, unless one, by a lucky stroke, thrusts his horn into his opponent's throat, which gives him the victory.—N. Y. Ledger.

A Black Rascal.

The raven is a "black rascal." He is "sinister, sly, melancholy and grim-visaged," although mischievous. Yet there are people who keep ravens as pets. Dickens had one, from whom Grip, the famous raven in "Barnaby Rudge," was drawn, and who died from eating white paint, anything even so distantly approaching purity necessarily disagreeing with him. Undeterred from raven keeping the novelist invested in another dark and melancholy bird, who came to an untimely end through indulging too freely in glazier's putty.

Africa.

The name Africa is derived from two Phoenician words—"afer," a black man, and "ac," a country signifying the land of the black man.

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Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting.

The Wabash railroad will sell excursion tickets to Springfield, Ill., at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, from all stations in Illinois from which regular one way tickets are sold, Feb. 22 to 26 inclusive, good returning not later than Feb. 27.

The late general assembly appreciating the great benefits resulting from the holding of Farmers' institutes, passed a law creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the purpose of developing a greater interest through said organization in the better cultivation of crops, in the care and breeding of the most profitable type of domestic animals, in extending dairy, husbandry, promoting horticulture, directing attention to the importance of farm drainage, stimulating the spirit of improvement in the construction of public roads and discussing the best methods of general farm management.

Up to date farmers and live stock breeders will be greatly benefited by attending the state farmers' institute meeting to be held at Springfield Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1897.—10-d&w

DYEING AND FINE DRY CLEANING.

We will do dyeing and fine dry cleaning at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Now is the time to have your suits of clothes or overcoats dyed, cleaned and pressed by first-class, practical dyers and dry cleaners. You get the best work done in the city at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

A gray wolf was killed last week near Joseph Grennan's home, 2½ miles southeast of Odell, after a long, hard chase in a big wolf hunt. The wolf was started in the Vermilion timber west of Cornell by a large party of hunters with a pack of hounds belonging to Mr. Bennington. This is the first and only wolf that has been killed in this locality for many years.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

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The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

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Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Roment on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

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Springfield, Ill., account Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting, one and one-third fare round trip. Tickets sold Feb. 22d to 26th, inclusive, good returning till 27th.

Washington, D. C., account Presidential inauguration. One fare round trip. Tickets sold March 1st, 2d and 3d, good returning not later than March 8th.

Lincoln, Neb., account Biennial Conference, Seventh Day Adventists. Tickets sold Feb. 17; good returning only leaving Lincoln March 6th. One fare, plus $2.00, for round trip. Tickets are on sale at one and one third fare on certificate plan, on Feb. 7th, 15th, 23d and March 1st.

Account Mardi Gras March 2d, tickets will be sold to New Orleans or Mobile at $20.75 round trip. Tickets will be sold Feb. 22d to 24th, inclusive; good returning till March 27th. For pamphlets giving full particulars of Mardi Gras call at city office.

The Wabash "California Flyer."

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Piatt county, Illinois, in favor of Thomas L. McDaniel and against Charles H. Bridges, Wm. Marshall Bridges and Frank Walz, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Bridges, Walz & Co., I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Sixty-five (65) feet in width off of the north side of Lot Three (3) of B. L. Howenstine's addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois. Taken as the property of the said Charles H. Bridges, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 8th day of February, A. D. 1897.

J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

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For rates, time of trains, etc., address J. Millspaugh, T. P. A., or W. L. Smith, ticket agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill.

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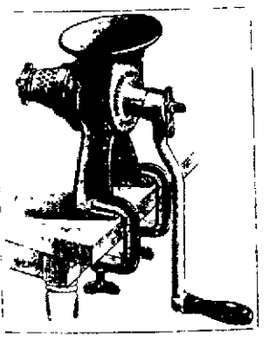

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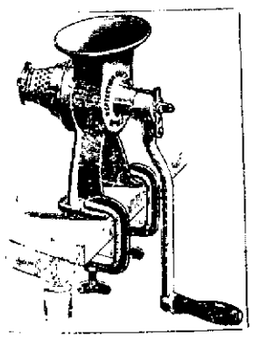

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The Climax Bell company, 403 Washington street, Boston, Mass., has just issued a very valuable booklet for cyclers, which they will send to wheelmen everywhere on application.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

On Feb. 18, Mrs. Catherine Houser, a widow aged 69 years, leaving three sons and four daughters, died at the family home near Forsyth. The burial will be at the Boiling Springs cemetery on Saturday.

Don't forget the number where it is always possible to get neat dressed poultry, turkeys, ducks, springs, fries, broilers and hens of questionable age. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.—18-2t

Propositions for the location of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks Home will be received up to Feb. 25, on which date the board will meet to consider the proposals. Final action will not likely be taken until all of the competing points have been visited.

Don't forget that there is only six more weeks for shell oysters. Get those delicious blue points, Rockaways and box, opened and delivered to your residence by the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.—18-d3t

An exchange spins a yarn to the effect that a Bloomington girl has a pair of the coldest feet yet discovered in central Illinois. Her mother recently put a jug of boiling water at the foot of her bed to keep her feet warm, but in the night the girl's feet got so cold they froze the water solid and bursted the jug.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

A druggist in a small Illinois town who reads the newspapers was much struck with the ingenuity of a fellow craftsman who advertised "thirteen two-cent stamps for a cent and a quarter," and then charged his customer a cent and a quarter of a dollar. The Illinois druggist decided to resort to the same kind of advertising and placed a placard in his window This is the way it read: "Thirteen two-cent stamps for 1¼ cents." Before the clerk's error was discovered the druggist was threatened with bodily violence by several would-be purchasers of postage stamps at bargain counter prices.

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PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. J. J. Peddecord Dead at the Age of 77 Years—Resident Since 1836.

Mrs. Ophelia W. Peddecord, wife of Hon. Jasper J. Peddecord, died last night at 8:45 o'clock at the family home, 226 North Franklin street, aged 77 years. The deceased had been in poor health for a number of months, and much anxiety was felt, especially during the past few weeks. She had been confined to her room since the holidays, owing to general debility and the weight of years.

Ophelia W. Oglesby was born at Brownsboro, Ky., Jan. 5, 1820, being the daughter of Jacob Oglesby and Isabella Watson. The parents died in 1833 when the cholera swept over that county and in 1836, accompanied by her brother, Richard J. Oglesby, afterward distinguished three times as governor of his adopted state, the deceased came to Illinois where she had been preceded by some of her father's relatives. At Decatur on Nov. 8, 1837, she was married to John S. Adamson and to them one son was born., Henry W. Adamson, who died in 1860. Her husband died in 1840 and on Aug. 30, 1842, she was married to Jasper J. Peddecord, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. W. S. Crissey, who is still remembered by some of the older inhabitants of this city. To this union five children were born and all of them but one are residents of Decatur. They are W. W. Peddecord, Mrs. J. H. Vennigerholz, Mrs. E. C. Rurode of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Richard G. Peddecord and Mrs. V. P. Brandau. All of the children were with her at the time of her death. The deceased had long been a member of the Methodist church and had exemplified in her life the teachings of that faith.

Mrs. Peddecord, as stated, came to Illinois in 1836 and she knew Decatur when there were very few people here. She has seen the place grow from a village to a town and a city of nearly 30,000 inhabitants.

JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT.

Committee Decides to Report Bill Providing for Seventeen Articles.

The Illinois house committee on judicial apportionment Thursday took up the bills of Mr. Johnson of Fulton, and Mr. Fuller—the former making fifteen and the latter seventeen judicial circuits, instead of thirteen, as at present. The question whether there should be fifteen or seventeen circuits was discussed. Alschuler, Stoksopf and Gaines, Democrats, favored fifteen circuits, while Bailey, La Monte and Chairman Cochran, Republicans, advocated seventeen circuits. It was finally declared the sense of the committee that the bill to be framed to provide for seventeen circuits. "This will give the state twelve additional circuit judges," said Chairman Cochran—"just enough judges to constitute the bench of the appellate court."

Chairman Cochran and other members advocating four additional circuits, instead of only two, declared that the business of the circuit courts in many counties is in such a congested condition that a material increase in the number of judges is imperatively necessary. A subcommittee consisting of Chairman Cochran, Bailey, Berryman, Williams, Torrence, Stoskopf, and Gaines was appointed to act in conjunction with a senate subcommittee in the preparation of a judicial apportionment bill. This joint sub-committee began work last night.

"It is important that the bill be passed at the earliest possible day," said Chairman Cochran. Judicial conventions are now being held for the nomination of candidates for judges, and matters will become complicated if we do not act soon."

WABASH AFFAIRS.

Business Picking Up—Good Earnings by Engineers and Conductors.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat asserts that E. A. Gould, superintendent of the eastern division of the Wabash, is quoted as saying that the main line is now doing a heavier business than at any period in the last two years. Every one of the 140 locomotives on the eastern division that can move a train is in service, and not a few of the engines which have been out of the shop for many months and are sadly in need of an overhauling are doing duty. It is said that if business holds up this month as it has begun freight engineers will get in from $150 to $185 each, freight conductors $125 and brakemen from $90 to $100. The fact that a great deal of business the Wabash should have received was diverted to the Clover Leaf in December and January has stirred up the Wabash officials, and the line is now getting its proportion of business. Immense quantities of corn consigned from points in Illinois and also west of the Mississippi to Reynolds Bros., Toledo, are now moving, and as S. C. Reynolds is a director of the Wabash, he routes all the grain over that line.

Bills by Cochran.

Hon. W. G. Cochran, from this legislative district, introduced several bills in the Illinois house on Wednesday. They include a measure for revising the revenue code, also a bill providing for the establishment of a department of law at the University of Illinois; also a bill appropriating $24,120 annually for two years to defray the ordinary expenses of the state board of agriculture, and $100 per annum for each county agricultural institute.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 188 East Wood street.—9-dw&tf

REV. RUCKER AGAIN.

He Makes Another Attempt at Suicide, This Time in Chicago.

BOUGHT REVOLVER, KNIFE AND SHOT

Taken in Charge by the Evanston Police—How He Planned to Take His Life—Returns to Clinton.

The Chicago Tribune of today contained a sensational story about the Rev. James C. Rucker of Clinton, for fifty years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who went to Evanston with the avowed purpose of taking his life. He purchased a revolver, a large pruning knife, and eight pounds of shot. That was night before last.

He was taken into custody later by the Evanston police as he was on his way to throw himself into the lake. He confessed that his first intention was to shoot himself, and then, if this failed, to sever an artery with the knife. He reconsidered both these plans, however, and decided the best way was to cast himself into the lake loaded down with the shot.

One of the minister's wrists was badly lacerated from an attempt at self-destruction made several weeks ago.

Mr. Rucker, who is 80 years of age, was half a century a member of the central Illinois conference. He has been superanuated for several years and has been living at Clinton. He is considered wealthy, and his friends know of no reason why he should desire to end his life, unless his mind has become unsettled because of domestic difficulties.

Mr. Rucker went to Evanston on the alleged mission of visiting L. C. Pitner, an old friend. He arrived in Evanston on Wednesday morning, but did not go near Mr. Pitner. He did go, however, to a local hardware store, where he purchased a revolver and one cartridge. A little while later he returned and bought a pruning knife with a broad, keen blade.

Mr. Rucker, after supplying himself with these suggestive weapons, went to the Avenue house, where he ordered a meal. His actions in the dining room were so peculiar they attracted the attention of the guests. After his meal he asked for a room, but remained there for only an hour. He paid the clerk with the remark that he could not sleep.

The minister then appeared for the third time at the hardware store. This time he wanted shot. He asked first for four pounds done up in pound packages. The shot was handed to him and he carefully tested its weight. He apparently was not satisfied, for he ordered four pounds more.

Mr. Rucker next inquired of the clerk how far it was to the lake, if the lake was frozen over, how deep the water was, and pursued a similar line of questions which caused the clerk to regard the old man suspiciously.

When the minister left the clerk called up the police station, and Policeman Ben Siegel was sent after Mr. Rucker. The patrolman overtook Mr. Rucker in the Sheridan road, which runs along the lake shore.

The venerable divine professed great indignation when placed under arrest. He asked that Mr. Pitner be sent for immediately and that he would tell the truth.

In Chief Bartram's office Mr. Rucker confessed that it was his intention to commit suicide. He pointed to the bandage on his wrist as an evidence of his state of mind. He explained that the revolver would not act properly. He had tried the knife on the towel in his room at the hotel, but was not satisfied with its sharpness. He then had decided that drowning was the best method of death.

Mr. Rucker sagely remarked that he was now convinced that it was not his destiny to die a violent death and he guessed he would have to "become a Calvinist." He begged that no publicity be given to the matter and promised faithfully not to make another attempt at suicide.

Detective White accompanied the minister to the home of his niece at No. 9, St. James place. Mr. Rucker will return to his home at Clinton. Mr. Rucker is separated from his second wife and this is said to have worried him a great deal.

Presbyterian Orchestra.

The Sunday school orchestra of the Presbyterian church which was organized last night will be composed of the following persons:

Leader—Prof. Westhoff.
First Violins—Miss Jeanette Powers and Reeves Scruggs.
Second Violin—Charlotte Nelson.
Cornets—Richard Glover and Frank Bright.
Clarinet—Samuel Heilbrun.
Double Bass—Fred Mann.
Pianist—Miss Jessie Montgomery.

Lost $35.

John Mattes of 111 East Main street, had the extreme bad luck several days ago to lose his American Brewing Company memorandum book containing $35 in money. He does not know just where he lost it but will pay a handsome reward for its recovery.

DON'T LIKE IT

When Made in a Wrong Way.

"I wish you would say to the people some day that I don't believe more than half those who try Postum the health coffee for the first time get it right. In my family the first time it was served the color was thin and the taste sort of watery without much character. Come to inquire, the cook had boiled it about 5 minutes instead of 15; so, the next morning we tried it again and had it boiled properly, then it came on with the deep rich brown color of fine coffee. I drink my coffee with cream and sugar and Postum hits my taste very favorably. Now we are daily users of Postum the food drink and staunch champions of it. But if we had formed an opinion from the first trial, when the fault was entirely our own, we would have condemned it and been denied the use of a beverage we prize most highly and which is helping us physically as well as adding to our table comforts."

The above is almost a literal reproduction of a statement made to the advertising writer of the Postum Cereal Co., Lim., of Battle Creek, Mich., and contains a fact that is well to notice. We do not think he is quite right in his estimate of the percentage who blunder in the preparation of the grain coffee.

Our heavy sales in this city indicate that it is easily prepared and successfully. Now and then a person may be careless in brewing it and get a poor drink; carelessness with fine coffee makes it disagreeable instead of a pleasant drink.

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There is but one original genuine Postum Cereal coffee, with a multitude of imitations offered as "just as good."

THE FLYING BALLET.

One of the Big Features in "The Brownies" To-Morrow Night.

Among the many genuine novelties in C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger's big spectacle, "Palmer Cox's Brownies," which will be seen at the Grand opera house tomorrow night is the sensational flying ballet, from the Folies Bergere, Paris. This striking feature was secured expressly for the great American production, and it has been the talk of theatre-goers in all the large cities in which "The Brownies" has been presented. The flying ballet is introduced in the third act of the gorgeous extavaganza, just before the grand transformation scene. The stage is suddenly darkened, and, immediately after, to the complete astonishment of the spectators, fairies are discovered flying about through the air in all directions without visible means of support. In their graceful flight to and fro they are transformed into birds, beetles and butterflies of the most gorgeous hues, and, when the stars and stripes are thrown upon the beautiful aerial dancers as a finale, the enthusiasm of the audience knows no bounds. Other remarkable specialty features in "The Brownies" include the Boranis, demon acrobats from the Paris Hippodrome, whose wonderful act brings thunders of applause a troupe of shapely oriental dancing girls; and Newhouse and Waffle, European musical eccentriques. Over 100 people are in the cast of "The Brownies," and the big company's tremendous scenic equipment, properties, mechanical and electrical devices, etc., are the same that have been seen in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other large cities. Seats are fast selling for the great attraction.

A PYTHIAN EVENT.

Observance of the 33rd Anniversary of the Order To-Night.

Chevalier Bayard lodge, K. of P., will celebrate the thirty-fourth anniversary of the order with a reception and musicale at the newly fitted castle hall in Library block tonight. Those who are to take part in the musicale are: Mrs. Adeline E. Mueller, Misses Whitmer and Lower, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gber and R. W. Chilson, C. W. Montgomery, W. L. Smith, Brugh Werner, Ralph Carter and the opera house orchestra. Rev. W. F. Gillmore will deliver an address.

Over 200 invitations have been issued. The affair promises to be largely attended.

Death in Long Creek.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Heckel, aged 4 months and 19 days, died this (Friday) morning at 3 o'clock at the family home in Long Creek township. Inflammation of the stomach was the cause. The funeral will probably be held on Sunday.

A Ticket.

That admits of no questioning is highly beneficial embodies no disagreeable features, saves you both time and that most important consideration, money. Ask for one at the Pearl Oyster and Fish company, 243 North Main street.—19-d2t

Chevalier Bayard Reception.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Partly cloudy tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness; probably rain in the west; warmer tonight; fresh easterly winds.

W. L. Wilson of Wilson bill fame, has accepted the presidency of the University at Lexington, Va., and so far no one has risen to object.

An Alabama woman after shooting a man twice has consented to become his wife. She probably has in mind to use him as a fillibusterer to carry lead to the Cubans.

Weyler has given out the word that he is about to crush Gomez between the wings of his flying columns. This reminds us of the assembling of a multitude to witness the first exhibition of a flying machine.

Mark A. Hanna has again given out the word that he will not be in McKinley's cabinet. He don't want a cabinet position but he has an eye on the United States senatorship and that is what is troubling some people.

Twenty-three men have been killed in the prize ring within the last few years and every one died a victim to the art of self-defense. Such devotion as this to a great cause deserves softer gloves and a feather bed to fall on.

If there is anything the Republicans don't like it is a national debt and when that party returns to power they will attack the national debt without gloves. The Republican party has the faculty of confronting a condition without fear of being run over by the condition.

Some of those third party Prohibition leaders who forgot Prohibition to run off after free silver and Populism are beginning to show a disposition to return to the old methods of saving the country through the Prohibition party. To say the least this is unfortunate for that party.

The city central committee has fixed the order of procedure for the city primaries and convention. Now when the city council determines whether the mayor shall have $500 or $2000 as a salary the representative citizen will have something like substantial ground from which to measure his fitness for mayor.

General Weyler in the midst of the roar and tumult of his magnificent charges on hospitals and his outrages upon defenseless women and children has stopped long enough to inform an anxious world that his conscience is clear. If he is correct he is in sight of a fortune wh ch he may possess by selling the receipe for the compound he used to clear it.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that "political bosses thrive in proportion to the neglect of voters to attend the primaries. No neglect no boss." This is a great and important political fact well stated but it might have gone further and stated another in connection with it. The political boss also depends upon his ability to fool the voters and secure their votes at primaries against the interest of a fair deal. Thousands of good sound McKinley men all over the country were led into acts detrimental to McKinley by the worst sort of deception. This is a case in point, and for this reason it is referred to in this connection to show that machine politics does not hesitate to mislead the people and get many of them to do things they subsequently regret. The political manipulator considers it legitimate to deceive his fellow man whenever he pleases to do so.

Revell's bill to repeal the libel law was killed yesterday in the house. It had been ordered to a third reading and made a special order and when it came up the representatives of honest politics jumped on it and crushed the life out of it. There was no demand for the repeal of the law. It was a modification of the unjust law that had been on the statute books for many years and which stood as the tool of blackmailers and men of doubtful character to be used against newspapers and many a newspaper under that suffered when no offense was committed. As the law was there was absolutely no defense for a newspaper sued for libel no matter whether the alleged offensive publication was intentional or whether it slipped in by the use of plate matter prepared elsewhere and if ample apology had been as prominently published in the paper alleged to have published the so-called libel the paper could under that law not plead the apology or correction. Two years ago the law was amended so as to give the newspaper some rights in a trial for libel and no one has been harmed by it, but since that time some of the newspapers in the state have attacked boodling in the legislature and the discredited political machine and the people connected with these organizations concluded they would get back at these newspapers by repealing the law enacted two years ago. The defeat of their proposition is simply another reminder to these gentlemen that they do not own the people of the state of Illinois and that they are encountering the gentle zephyers of the day of wrath which awaits them. The chances are that this will be the only attempt made this session along that line.

The Insanity Dodge.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Whatever may be the judgment which will be ultimately arrived at by the experts who examine Duestrow's brain, there can be no doubt that the insanity plea in criminal trials has been invoked too often for the good of the community. It is now twenty-seven years since that plea saved Macfarland, the slayer of Richardson, in New York. Macfarland and his wife lived unhappily together, and she had secured a divorce and was engaged to marry Richardson. Thinking that Richardson had alienated his wife's affection, Macfarland shot him, and he died a few days after from the effects of the wound. On the trial Macfarland was acquitted on the ground of "emotional insanity."

The phrase "took," and a fine field was opened in which sharp lawyers were able to befog jurors and defeat justice. A man-slayer suddenly became something different from the vulgar murderer which the people of earlier days had considered him. Immense possibilities were created for lengthening out trials and for exhausting the patience of the public, until even acquittal would bring relief to the community by taking the case out of the courts. The wrangling of the insanity experts which these trials caused for a few years threatened to produce mental derangement among everybody who read about them or listened to them. Under any conditions a criminal who could raise enough money to employ skillful lawyers could impede justice for a long time, but the insanity pretext furnished him with barriers behind which he often could escape to freedom.

Happily the insanity plea has lost much of its effectiveness in recent years. It was interposed so frequently, and to shield so many different sorts of malefactors, that there was a popular revolt against it and the press exposed it. Jurors became distrustful of the defense which would make the criminal irresponsible at the moment he was committing his crime, and responsible enough immediately afterward to be allowed to run at large. They reasoned that if the derangement was not sufficient to warrant his seclusion in an asylum it was not sufficient to save him from the penalty prescribed for his crime. Thus the insanity dodge in murder trials does not figure quite so conspicuously as it did half a dozen or a dozen years ago. It was in itself an abuse which at one time rose to the dimensions of a crime, but an outraged public sentiment is forcing its abatement.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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A BARREL FIDDLE

Ingenious Scheme to Provide Himself with an Instrument.

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A fiddle made from an ordinary barrel and a few odd pieces of lumber has just been constructed by a Massachusetts genius, and, greatly to the surprise of all, himself included, it is a success.

H. H. Heusted is the name of this enterprising amateur instrument maker, who, however, is no amateur musician, but, on the contrary, a violinist and cello player of no mean order.

It was the lack of a 'cello which was indirectly responsible for the production of this unique instrument. Although an enthusiastic player, with abundant time at his disposal, he had no instrument with which he could beguile the long and monotonous hours of his work as assistant station agent at Prospect Hill, East Somerville, Mass.

The station is in the residential portion of the city, and throughout the day there are long hours when the station agent has practically nothing to do. He often thought of the amusement to be derived from the possession of a cello, and the more he thought of it the more he wanted one. So he finally decided to make one for himself, and after much planning selected a barrel as the most promising thing for the purpose.

The specimen chosen was what is known as a half barrel. It was of elm wood which from long standing in the garret of the Heusted household had become thoroughly seasoned. In the middle, just between the hoops, the cello maker cut an oblong opening about four inches in length and three in width. The barrel was then scraped and sandpapered inside and out, after which it was securely headed up and treated to a double coat of the best varnish. The body was then complete, and after being thoroughly dried was ready for the finishing touches which were to transform a sugar barrel into a musical instrument.

MR. HEUSTED TESTING HIS NEW BARREL CELLO.

A small piece of black walnut was, with very little work and a common jackknife, converted into a tailpiece. For the high bridge piece a well seasoned spruce was used. The same kind of wood was used in making the finger board. The neck was made of white pine, and the keys were whittled out of rock maple. These various parts were then put together with glue and securely fastened to the barrel in their proper places, after which the whole affair was put away to dry and "set" before having the strings put in place.

Mr. Heusted had to stand a lot of good natured joking from his many friends while he was waiting for the time to come when he could bring forth his barrel cello and confound the skeptic by producing sweet sounds from this seemingly crude product of brains and a jackknife. No sick child was ever watched with more care. Every draft was excluded, and the room in which the final drying process was going on was always kept at an even temperature. Finally, however, the strings were put in place, and the curious instrument was ready for trial.

It was with no little trepidation that the creator of this odd-looking affair brought it forth and drew the bow across the strings. The sound produced was not at all unpleasant, and after the strings had been properly tightened the whole was found to be a very respectable cello, upon which could be executed almost anything adapted to that instrument. When it is played in connection with the violin, the music is very entertaining, and Mr. Heusted has no reason to be ashamed of himself as a musical instrument maker.

Ordinary cello strings are used on this barrel fiddle, which is not half so ungainly as one might imagine.

Oyster Farce.

One pint of bread crumbs, one dozen large oysters, three tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful salt, one-quarter teaspoonful pepper, one teaspoonful minced parsley, one tablespoonful lemon-juice, three tablespoonfuls oyster liquor, yolks of two eggs. Chop the oysters and make the whole into a smooth paste. This is very nice as a dressing for fish or poultry; or shape into balls, dip in beaten egg and bread crumbs, and fry a nice brown.—Ladies' World.

The average annual num ber of novels issued 100 years ago in America and Great Britain was 16. Now the average is two or three a day.

ON THE WINGS OF THE WIND.

How the Germs of the Plague Might Be Brought to America by Air Currents.

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Weather Sharp Dunn, of New York, agrees with the French scientist, Dr. Maurin, that it is quite possible for the germs of the bubonic plague, now raging in India, to be brought to America by the current of the air. So efficiently are the ports of the United States guarded by quarantine that the chances of the plague's entry by the sea route are almost infinitesimal, but nothing at all has been done to prevent the pest king from dropping down upon us from the clouds.

It is generally acknowledged that all the terrible scourges which have decimated the world's population from time to time have had their origin in the great delta of the Ganges, where the river throws itself into the bay of Bengal through 17 principal mouths and an infinity of smaller channels. The mud, suspended in the stream of the Ganges, forms shifting bars and banks and pestilential marshes. Whenever the Hindoos can elude the authorities they send the remains of their dead floating down the sacred river, the waters of which are commissioned to conduct them to the "sacred domains."

These bodies are cast ashore at the mouth of the river, in the midst of vegetable rubbish of every kind, and the remains of animals. The mud of the river, acting like paint or plaster, partially preserves the corpses of men and animals from the dissolving influence of the water, and converts them into a sort of glutinous organic soap. Then comes the dry season. The fierce rays of the Indian sun soon deprive the mass of every drop of moisture, and it splits and cracks in all directions, sending up to high Heaven an odor that poisons a vast neighborhood.

Were the poison confined to that region, and were the idiotic natives responsible for it the sole sufferers, this would not be so serious a matter, but if it be true that plague germs may be carried long distances by the wind, then it becomes momentous indeed.

"The soundness of the Frenchman's theory that plague germs may be carried by the wind," said Mr. Dunn recently, "is pretty clearly shown, in my judgment, by the fact that, although when cholera knocked at the coast gates in 1892 its entrance was prevented by the splendid quarantine organization, yet there were, far inland, here and there, sporadic cases of true cholera. These cases puzzled the doctors greatly, and the most plausible explanation offered was that the germs were carried in their clothes and otherwise by passengers from infected ships.

"We know that certain currents of air are maintained in the upper atmosphere as steadily and continuously as the great ocean currents. We know, too, that these currents may carry comparatively heavy substances from one part of the world to another. It has been conclusively shown, for instance, that sand from the great desert of Sahara has been caught up in the clouds during sandstorms and carried thousands of miles from its original location. On the decks of vessels passing through the Suez canal there has been dropped sand of a peculiar nature that on analysis was proved conclusively to have been taken from an inland spot thousands of miles away from the canal. If sand can be transported in this way the comparatively lighter disease germs can surely be so carried. Now, there is no conceivable way to prevent the germs of the plague from being lifted from the delta of the Ganges to the upper air, later to be showered down upon the heads of unsuspecting human beings thousands of miles away. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance to the civilized world that the source of the world's plague be wiped out. What is wanted, in fact, is a combination of the powers to force the British lion to cleanse his plague-ridden and pest-breeding possessions in the east.

"At present the clouds are constantly drawing moisture from that disease center in India. An unseen whirlwind, a restricted boiling up and down of the atmosphere, a hole drilled in a stratum of air by sudden heats or electrical action, may allow the descent of sufficient mephitic atoms to introduce the pestilence where it is least expected. Quarantine may guard the coast line, but what safeguard will avail against deadly germs that descend from heaven to claim their victims?"

TWO REASONS

Might be named that have contributed largely in placing our MUSLIN UNDERWEAR Department at the very head of all similar departments in the city.

This Is One Reason: It is a matter of current comment that only here are such LOW PRICES for such HIGH QUALITIES found.

Every season we clear out all the old stock and gather new. No point of excellence is sacrificed. Straight from the manufacturer they come to you, at prices that make trash extravagant. That's the Second Reason.

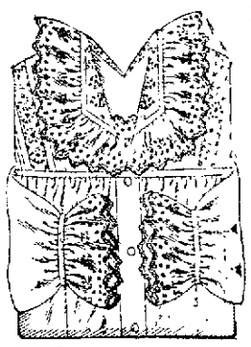
There are other reasons just as good, but read the short descriptions here, then call and see the goods.

Misses' Night Gown, made of good muslin, but very full, with ruffle on neck and sleeves..... 35c

Ladies' exceptionally fine Muslin Gown, embroidery insertion in yoke and embroidery ruffle at neck..... 49c

An Extra Fine Muslin Night Gown, with large English embroidered collar and Bishop sleeves. Daintily finished and a great leader, at..... 75c

Ladies' Night Gown, a decidedly high-class creation, with surplice bosom trimmed with lace, insertion band in yoke, full length and made of a superior quality of muslin. A splendid bargain, at..... 98c



Ladies' Skirts, made of good quality of muslin, tucks and embroidery trimmed, each..... 35c, 49c, 68c

A Fine Muslin Skirt, "Ombrelle" style, knee ruffle and cluster of tucks. Our special price..c..... 75c

Cambric Corset Covers, some finished with bias bands of same, and some with insertion trimmed V neck. For this sale..... 11c, 12½c, 15c

Ladies' Muslin Drawers; with cambric ruffles and tucks. A great bargain in medium priced goods. Per pair..... 24c

We show a very complete line of Children's Goods at prices which will interest the most economical.

79c for FOSTER KID GLOVES.

We have purchased a lot of 50 dozen genuine Foster Paul Kid Gloves, in blacks, browns and tans. These goods are the very perfection of elegance in workmanship and fit. They always sell for $1.00 and $1.25. The Big Store's incomparable price, per pair..... 79c

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DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

THE BIG STORE { WATER, MAIN & STATE STREETS

Masks, Whiskers,

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J. E. SAXTON'S BOOK STORE,

120 EAST PRAIRIE STREET.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

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J. B. Bullard,

FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,

Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention In connection a receiving vault Residence 252 West William street. Residence Telephone 128. Office, 126.

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2500 yds. of Worsted Plaids for
2500 " Light Calico, very bes
3000 " Apron Gingham at 3c
3500 " Indigo Blue Calico, v
1800 " Henrietta Cashmere, at 16c yd.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 48c.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 65c.

Clothing De

3 dozen Men's Black Cheviot Suits, price
3 dozen Men's Fancy All Wool Suits, price
6 dozen Men's All Wool Pants, all colors, in this sale.....
4 dozen Heavy Cottonade Pants, price $1 00
5 dozen Men's fine Outing Flannel Nightgo
5 dozen Men's Muslin Gowns, fancy bosom
25 dozen Men's Outing Flannel Overshirts

Shoe Depa

We just received a new line of Men's, will sell for this sale at a Great Bargain.
36 pair Ladies' Dongola Button Shoe, price
36 pairs Boys' Fine Calf Skin Shoe, razor
36 pairs Child's Shoes at.....
72 pairs Men's Fine Calf Skin Shoes, razo
72 pairs Ladies' Rubbers at.....

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FOR SPRING.

Just Received.

See the New CUBAN FLAT, The Latest.

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Special Sale for 10 Days

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Savings Bank Store,

Corner Water and Park Streets,

COMMENCING FEB. 18.

Dress Goods Department.

2500 yds. of Worsted Plaids for Dresses at 4½c yd.
2500 " Light Calico, very best, at 3c yard.
3000 " Apron Gingham at 3c yard.
3500 " Indigo Blue Calico, very best, at 4½c yd.
1800 " Henrietta Cashmere, all colors, 36 inches wide, at 16c yd.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 48c.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 65c.

Clothing Department.

3 dozen Men's Black Cheviot Suits, price $8.00—for this sale..... $3.75
3 dozen Men's Fancy All Wool Suits, price $11.00—for this sale..... 6.98
6 dozen Men's All Wool Pants, all colors, in heavy weight, price $2.75—for this sale..... 1.98
4 dozen Heavy Cottonade Pants, price $1.00—this sale..... 58c
1 dozen Men's fine Outing Flannel Nightgowns, price $1.50—for this sale..... 75c
3 dozen Men's Muslin Gowns, fancy bosom and cuffs, for this sale..... 40c
25 dozen Men's Outing Flannel Overshirts, full size, at..... 25c

Shoe Department.

We just received a new line of Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, which we will sell for this sale at a Great Bargain.

36 pair Ladies' Dongola Button Shoe, price $1.75 and $2.00, for this sale..... $1.10
36 pairs Boys' Fine Calf Skin Shoe, razor toe, price $1.50, for this sale..... 98c
36 pairs Child's Shoes at..... 38c
72 pairs Men's Fine Calf Skin Shoes, razor toe, at..... $1.18
72 pairs Ladies' Rubbers at..... 20c

Cloak Department.

48 Black, Fine Jackets, regular price $10 and $12. Your choice for this sale..... $3.50

Thousands of other articles which we will offer at A GREAT BARGAIN.

☞ Remember the Place—THE SAVINGS BANK STORE, corner North Water and Park streets.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

SAVINGS BANK STORE.

DECATUR BIBLE INSTITUTE.

Meeting of Importance to be Held at the Congregational church.

The Decatur normal bible institute will be held at the Congregational church this city on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21, and many of the workers will be present. This will be the program:

Saturday Forenoon Session.

10.—Prayer service for God's blessing upon bible students and bible study, led by local pastor.

10:20—What do we as bible students need?

(Conference. Answers to be recorded on the back board.)

10:50—Normal bible lesson—George W. Miller.

11:20—Questions and conference.

Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

2—Prayer and praise service for what Good's word has done for me. Led by local worker.

2:30—Teachers' meetings and their purpose, George W. Miller.

3:15—Tried and successful primary methods, by Sunday school workers.

3:30—Home class department methods, George W. Miller.

Evening Session.

7—Service of song.

7:30—Address, George W. Miller.

Sunday.

Mass meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

GOING IT ALONE.

Fred W. Kipp Now in the Grocery Business for Himself.

Today Fred W. Kipp, who has been in the grocery business for sixteen years, purchased the interest of his partner, George W. Hamer in the store at 654 East Eldorado street, and will continue the business alone. Mr. Hamer is out. Mr. Kipp will pay all claims when due, and will collect all accounts due the old firm. Mr. Kipp asks the continued favor of the public. He will endeavor to serve the people well in the future as in the past.

In the Circuit Court.

These entries were made on the chancery docket in the circuit court today:

Abram Garver et al vs Felix M. Garver et al, partition; motion of Abram Garver to postpone sale; motion overruled.

Clinton S. Hoffhein vs Hattie Hoffhein, divorce; suit dismissed by complainant.

Benedict McGorray vs Mary J. McGorray et al, partition; report of commissioners approved and decree confirming title as to decree of partition and decree of sale as to residue. Proof heard; attorney fee fixed at $150 to be taxed as costs.

Mattie Reich vs Charles Reich, divorce and injunction; dismissed by complainant.

Will of William Craycroft.

The will of the late William B. Craycroft was filed for probate in the county court this afternoon. Walter B. and Frank Craycroft were named as the administrators. The estate embraces about 550 acres of land in Macon and Shelby counties and is valued at from $40,000 to $50,000. To the widow, Harriet Craycroft, was bequeathed all the household goods, horses, carriage and other personal property of the arm and $500 in cash besides. Wilber B. Craycroft was left a 120-acre farm in Shelby county. The land in Macon county was divided between the other children as follows: Maude Craycroft, 89 acres; William T. Craycroft, 90 acres; Frank Craycroft, 85 acres; Dora Craycroft, 91 acres. The balance of the estate is to be decided share and share alike between the children.

Suicide of a Baron.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19.—Baron Francis Xavier Ludwig Maximilian Van Oeyan, of Schloss-Johannesturg, Bavaria, aged 73, poisoned himself last night. The body was found today. He is descendant of a princely German house; also of a French Bourbon prince. He was highly educated and when young cavalry officer in Bavarian regiment was implicated in a revolutionary plot. He fled to this country in 1850 and was later disinherited.

Bryan Still in Action.

Kansas City, Feb. 19.—W. J. Bryan arrived from Lincoln this morning. He was escorted to Topeka by a committee of the legislature. During the afternoon he will hold a reception and this evening will address the legislature in joint session, following with an address to a mass meeting.

Produced Proof.

In the county court today in the case of the people vs William Nanna and Edith Ayers, adultery, parties appeared and presented a marriage certificate signed by P. B. Provost, dated Jan. 20. Indictment nolled by state's attorney.

—Joe Wetzel, who has been seriously ill, was in the city today. He is considerably better.

COLDS.

Munyon's Cold Cure cures colds in the head, colds on the lungs, old colds, new colds, and obstinate colds, and all forms of grip. Stops sneezing, discharges from the nose and eyes, prevents catarrh, diphtheria, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. Those pleasant little pellets are absolutely harmless, have saved thousands of lives and prevented much sickness. Price 25c.

MUNYON'S

Improved Homoeopathic Home Remedy Company put up a separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents. Guide to Health free.

Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, MARCH 2d, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business; have land to exchange for stocks of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.

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TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—At once, to travel, ten good solicitors. All expenses paid. Apply to C. A. SHIBLEY, Arcade Hotel. 19d6*

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	74⅞
May	76⅝	76½	75⅛	76⅛
July	71⅞	73	71⅝	73
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	22⅝
May	24⅛	24⅛	24	24⅛
July	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	15⅛
May	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜
July	18	18⅛	18	18⅛
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	8.05	8.12½	8.00	8.02
Lard—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	4 00	4 10	4 00	4 02½
Ribs—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	4.12½	4 15	4 10	4 12

May wheat: puts, 75½c; calls, 77¼c; curb, 76¼.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—21. Estimated, 20. Year ago, 76.
Corn—237; Estimated, 205; a year ago, 382.
Oats—220; Estimated, 320, a year ago, 195.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 17; Corn, 195; oats, 270.

Hog receipts 22,000; estimated, 25,000. Market strong, 5c higher.

Slight, $3.47@$3.65, Mixed $3 40@$3.60, Heavy $3.40@$3.60, Rough $3 25@$3 35.

Estimated for to-morrow, 18,000.

Cattle receipts, 2,500; market strong.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 19.—Corn, firm, new, No. 2 white, 19¼c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 16½@17c, Rye, nominal.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Wheat, cash, 87c; May, 85½c; Corn, cash 20; May, 22; Oats, cash 16½c, May, 18⅜.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Wheat, May, 82c; Corn, May, 30⅝c; oats, May, 21½c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12@20c.

Sales of Real Estate.

Francis M. Watrous to Ira Ivens, lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 5, Englewood addition of outlots; $1100.

E. D. Carr to John T. Wright, lots 16, 17 and 18, block 3, Carr's addition to Argenta; $225.

Christena A. Kinsman to C. W. Horn, lots 27, 28, 2 and 30, block 7, Wood's Walnut Grove addition; $2000.

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.

West's Drug Store.

Allcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.

Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenile and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Weslye Root, a coal heaver at the Wabash coal chute at Bement, fell under a freight train there and had both legs cut off. He may live.

Kentuckian's Eccentric Idea.

The late Charles Bramblett, of Cynthiana, Ky., whose eccentric idea of burial has been the food for a great deal of newspaper comment in Kentucky and the Ohio valley generally, left an estate of $100,000. Bramblett several years ago employed a skilled artisan to construct a sarcophagus of Kentucky blue limestone. He bought a barrel of the finest old Bourbon whisky to be obtained, and for years has desired that at death he should be placed in the sarcophagus and the whisky poured upon him and the receptacle hermetically sealed and placed in a grove near his residence. He died January 2, and his wishes were complied with to the letter.

Wanted to See the Show.

At a popular table d'hote restaurant in Boston the other evening, as a gentleman was lighting his cigar with a teaspoonful of burning brandy, there came a knock at the door, and, on it being opened, in walked two very ragged children, a boy and a girl. "Wot you want?" gruffly asked the waiter. "Please, sir," said the little girl, "we see the gent swallerin' fire through th window, and w'd like to see him swaller some more, if we ain't in no one's way."

WORKING FOR TRADE....

Yes, that is what we are doing---Giving Exceptional Values in all kinds of Dry Goods Shoes and Cloaks.

PRICES TO REDUCE STOCK

Will be the Draw Card This Week.

Kid Gloves at 98c.

About 25 dozen of Ladies' Kid Gloves, (Tans, Browns, Slates, Blues and Reds,) that have sold at $1.50 and $1.75, on sale at 98c pair.

Dress Goods at 39c.

About 20 pieces of Light and Dark Novelty Dress Goods, that have sold at 50c, 65c and 75c yard—now out at 39c yard.

White Shirts at 48c.

10 dozen Men's Laundered White Shirts, (sizes 14, 15½, 16, 16½, 17), that are slightly soiled, and have sold at $1.00, and $1.25, now cut to 48c.

25 dozen Men's fine Unlaundered White Shirts, worth 75c, at 48c.

MEN'S FLANNEL OUTSIDE SHIRTS worth $1.00 and $1.50, now at 50c.

LADIES' FINE SHOES, the $2.00 kind at $1.50 pair.

One lot $1.50 and $1.75 Ladies' Shoes out at 98c pair.

BOYS' PERCALE WAISTS, the 50c kind at 25c.

CHILDREN'S TAM O'SHANTER CAPS at 19c.

WINDOW SHADES, 40c kind 25c; 25c kind at 15c.

DRESSER SCARFS, 50c and 65c kind at 39c each.

JACKETS AND CAPES go at about Half Price this week.

AT JOHNSTON'S... *151 N. Water Street.*

RACE CLOTHING MFG. Co.

Grand Opening

Spring Styles

Stetson and Miller Hats

Monday, Feb. 15th, 1897.

CORRECT SHAPES

If you wear a

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YOU ARE RIGHT.

COLORS

BLACK, BROWN, and PECAN....

Few more of the—

...DRESS SHIRTS...

35c, or three for $1.00 left.

COME AND GET THEM.

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Now is the time to buy a Perfect Fitting CORSET...

I CARRY FULL LINE

Warner's, Thompson's Glove-Fitting, R and G, Flexo Girdle, P. D. Jackson Corset Waist.

A dress form Corset in black, white and summer for $1.00
For a cheap Corset try my 50c.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

A Great Traveler

The woman who does the washing travels from pole to pole and crosses the line many times. She soon learns from experience that she can save time, money and labor by using

SANTA CLAUS SOAP.

the best, purest and most economical soap made. She also discovers that clothes washed with Santa Claus look better and last longer than they do when washed with ordinary soap. Santa Claus is sold everywhere. Ask for it. Made only by

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago.

WE MUST MOVE March 1st

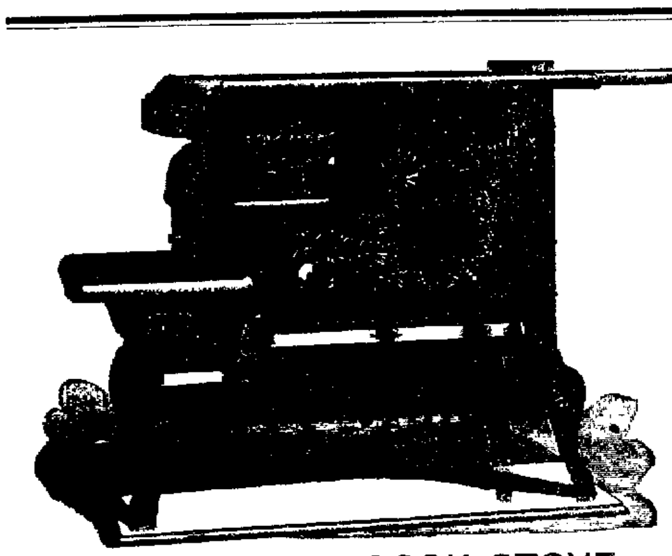
Our CLOTHING, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Etc., Etc.

New Store 159 East Main Street.

Great Inducements to purchasers. Cost lost sight of. Will divide the value of the goods with you before moving.

GEO. W. JONES CLOTHING HOUSE,

Now 108 East Prairie Street.
March 1st 159 East Main Street.



OUR $15.00 COOK STOVE.

1,500 of them in use in Decatur and Vicinity and every one of them satisfactory. This stove has all the latest improvements. Fire-lined Oven Door, Oven Door Shelf, Back and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod Heavy Loose Base—in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for $5.00 more money. **Remember, every stove fully warranted.**

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

BULL'S Cough Syrup

The People's Friend. In use for fifty years. Cures Cough, Cold, Croup, Whooping-Cough, Grippe, Bronchitis, Asthma and Lung Affections. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is sold everywhere for only 25 cents. Refuse cheap substitutes.

Chew LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail, A.C. Meyer & Co., Balto., Md.

THE BLARNEY STONE.

A Wide-Awake Chicago Girl Tells How She Kissed It.

A Chicago Chronicle reporter while making a call overheard the recital of a little incident which occurred at Blarney castle last summer. He was standing at the door leading into the hall, and sweeping the room with his eyes for the hostess in order to make his formal farewell when his attention was attracted by an earnest conversation. This was what he heard:

"Yes, I went abroad last summer. You see, papa promised that when I was 18 he would take me across. At first I didn't want to go. Well, you know why, but afterward I heard that he was also to spend his vacation in England with an invalid cousin, so I didn't protest after that."

"Where did you go?"

"Well, we did the continent until it got so late that I was afraid he would

JACK TRIED IT FIRST.

be gone, so I begged papa to take us over to England. He was good, and across we went, and as luck would have it we put up at the same hotel with him.

"You don't know who he is! Why it's Jack. Of course I was glad to see him, and after that the two parties joined forces."

"Where did you go then?"

"It was nearly time for school to open, so we had to go home, but first papa wanted to go to Ireland and to Blarney Castle. I believe his great-grandfather was born near there. Of course, when we were there nothing would do but that we must all kiss the Blarney stone. Jack tried it first and had an awful time. You know you have to lean over the edge of a cliff to get to it, and we had to hang on to Jack's feet to keep him from falling over."

"You don't mean to say that you tried it too?"

"Well, now, you see, I didn't have to. Jack kissed and—well, I kissed Jack."

At this point the listener laughed and just had time to rush into the hall before the two young women who had been carrying on the conversation emerged from their hiding place to discover the interloper.

HIS HEAD WAS OFF.

Yet the Bandit Chief Walked to Each of His Comrades.

Dr. Loye, the French physician, who has greatly interested himself in the question: "What passes in the head of a decapitated human being," writes the following remarkable story, which he says was taken from the archives of the Vienna courts: Sharenburg, a well-known bandit, and four of his associates were caught and condemned to death. They were already on their knees ready to pay the penalty of their bloody deeds by submitting to the awful fate of decapitation, when Sharenburg addressed the judge, asking that his four companions might be pardoned on certain conditions. "If," asked the bandit chief, "when I am beheaded, I get up and walk to the first of my comrades, will you pardon him?"

THE BODY WALKED AROUND.

The judge thought that he was pretty safe in complying with the request. "Then," continued Sharenburg, "if I walk to the second, the third and the fourth, will you pardon them also?" The judge replied that if such a miraculous feat could be performed he would obtain pardon for the other three also. The chief was now satisfied, and, bending his head, he received the fatal blow. Instantly the head rolled down in the sand, but, to the surprise and horror of all present, the headless trunk arose and walked along. Aimlessly, it appeared, the body walked around until it passed the first, the second, the third, the fourth condemned bandit, when it fell and became motionless. Query: How could a headless body think?

New Remedy for Rheumatism.

A citizen of Westbrook, Me., regarded as intelligent by his townsmen, says that whenever he has a severe attack of rheumatism he confines himself to a diet of fried salt pork and soon regains his normal health.

A Vegetable Curiosity.

A Biddeford (Me.) man, while in the country the other day, found a tree growing through a millstone, and the tree had lifted the stone from the ground.

IN BUSINESS STYLE.

He Saved Ten Minutes of Valuable Time.

Young Bellamus hitched forward in his chair, pulled up his trousers a little at the knees, glanced at his cuffs to see that they projected the proper distance beyond his coat sleeves, and nervously began:

"I have something to say to you, Kate. I—don't turn your face away from me, please. You have not been eating onions, have you?"

"Sir!"

"Neither have I. Listen to me. There is something resting on my mind—"

"Impos—"

"Resting on my mind, I say, and it has become a burden that I am going to shake off. Now, there isn't any use in your pretending you haven't any idea what I want to talk about."

"Assuming that I do, Mr. Bellamus—"

"Well?"

"Let it pass. Go on."

"That's right. You act like a good, sensible girl in deciding to hear me. You might as well, anyhow, because when I get started I'm hard to stop, and I am going to say what I came here to say this evening if it takes all—if it takes a quarter of an hour. That's the sort of desperate lover I am, Kate Naggus, though I didn't mean to give the whole business away in one breath like that. I intended to lead up to it gradually. I don't suppose, however, the shock of surprise was very great. You had an idea something of the kind was coming, didn't you?"

"Rather."

"I knew you did. But it doesn't seem artistic to block out a regular form of doing something and then fly the track and jump across lots in order to get there sooner. What I intended to say was about like this: Ever since I have known you I have had a different feeling toward you from that which I entertain toward other—but before I go any further I'd like to have some kind of hint as to whether I'm wasting my time or not. Somehow I don't feel quite as confident as I did when I began."

He stopped a moment, took a long breath, and inquired uneasily:

"Is it going to be of any use for me to go on, Kate?"

The rosy lips of the fair young girl parted and she softly answered:

"Nit!"

"That settles it," rejoined Mr. Bellamus, recovering himself and drawing on his gloves. "It hasn't turned out exactly as I hoped it might, but I've saved at least ten minutes of valuable time for each of us, and that makes 20 minutes. I don't know what your time is worth, but my time, computed from a business point of view, is worth $2.50 an hour. I will not detain you any longer, Miss Naggus. Good evening."—Chicago Tribune.

A "Conjured" Mule.

"Heah, Leandah, yo' nigger, is yo' dun tuk dat new mewl to de fiel' en geared 'im to de plow en seed how 'e wuks, lak I tole yer?"

"Yessuh."

"Mist' Rob'nson dun tole me he gwiner sent er mighty good mewl yere for yo' ole daddy to plow 'e crap wif, an' I wanter know is 'e dun it. Hev he pawed down de stable do' yit, Leandah?"

"Nossuh."

"Ner chawed up de trof?"

"Nossuh."

"Ner kicked off de ruff?"

"Nossuh."

"Ner run froo de barb wiah fence?"

"Nossuh."

"Didn't buck an' fro yo' agin er tree?"

"Nossuh."

"Did't snort at er ole stump ner tek a noshin to turn off in de middle row an' cum 'ome?"

"Nossuh."

"Den, Leandah, dat mewl am shoowly cunjered, er else 'e dun los' all 'e speerit. Des put de haltah rite on dat mewl, Leandah, an' tuk 'im square back to Mist' Rob'nson, en tell 'im yo' old daddy don't 'pose to be 'sulted wid no humbug mewl lak dat."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Proper Method.

"Do you lose many valuable books by lending them?"

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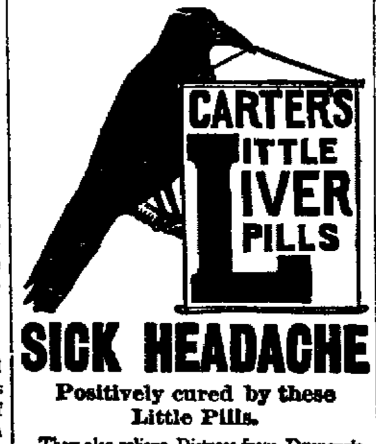
Weslye Root, a coal heaver at the Wabash coal chute at Bement, fell under a freight train there and had both legs cut off. He may live.

An addition 40x60 is to be built to the Plaza hotel at Danville. It will contain thirty rooms, including a dining room. It will cost $13,500.

The fox that was caught in the drive nothwest of Tolono, was sold for $7.50, the money to be devoted to the purchase of books for the library of the Bond school.



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A new athletic park will probably be opened at Springfield.

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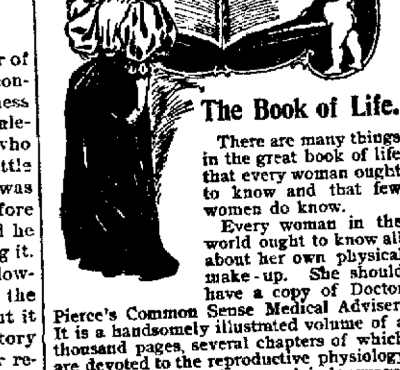

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J. C. HOSTETLER.
Dated this 12th day of February, 1897.

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To W. M Park and the owners or parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described. You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, J. C Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 10 in Block 2 of Park Place in Decatur township, for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of W. M. Park and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897. J. C. HOSTETLER.
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To A. J. Lawrence and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described· You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D 1895, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 15 in block 32, of Park Place in Decatur township, for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of A. J. Lawrence, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897. J. C. HOSTETLER.
Feb. 12, 1897.

To the unknown owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described· You are hereby notified that a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A D. 1895 I, J. C Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county· Lot 11 of Woodland addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Unknown, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.
Feb. 12, 1897. J. C. HOSTETLER.

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For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 306. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19 dtf

WANTED—A good girl to do general housework. Apply at 357 North Edward street. Feb 17-d6

WANTED—Agents, male and female, everywhere to handle greatest seller produced, wonderful invention. Write at once for particulars. B. LINDEMAN, 355 Broadway, N. Y. 15-d6*

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WANTED.—We have a fine half section land at Storm Lake, Iowa, at a very reasonable rent, good improvements. Also other good farms to rent, sell or trade for merchandise or city property. See ALLINSON & FLEMING, 121 East William street Decatur, Ill. 15-d6*

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WANTED—Men and women to engage in an easy paying business at home; can work day time or evening and make 50c to $2 per hour, sure thing, sample and complete instructions sent for 10c. World's Supply Co., Rutland, Vt. 13-d6*

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—At the county jail, one wooden trough, six feet long, in four divisions, suitable for watering calves or cows, also one cast iron bath tub which could be used for watering stock. Apply to Supervisor Jacob Hanes, or at the office of the overseer of the poor. 19 d6

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room new house, new barn, etc., on gravel road, east end of Decatur. $1700 buys it, possession given immediately. Hurry up, must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17 dtf

FOR SALE—the best established feed mill and feed business in the city. Also a complete nickel plating outfit, almost new, for sale or trade cheap. Call on or address 149 North Broadway. 13-d6*

FOR SALE—Fine land near Beamont and Port Arthur, Texas Low prices. Easy Terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or blizzards. Profitable crops; rice, cotton, fruits, vegetables. Enquire of ALLINSON & FLEMING, I. C City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill. Jan 5-d5w

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A good seven-room house, within three blocks of Lincoln Square. Barn, carriage house, well, cistern and dry cellar. Inquire at 459 South Main street. 17-d6*

FOR RENT—A house of nine rooms, furnace, well and cistern, and good barn, chicken houses, etc., in Riverside. Apply to H. F. May & Bro., 134 South Main street. Feb. 11-d2w

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—One gold locket, about three quarters of an inch square, with diamond in center. Liberal reward will be paid. Call at this office. Feb 18 d6*

LOST—Somewhere in the city an American Brewing Co. memorandum book, with $35 on the inside. Owner will pay a liberal reward for its return to John Mattes, 111 East Main st. 17 d6*

MONEY TO LOAN.

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LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent. on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year Also loca money for nearly all classes of loans Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street dec17 d6mo

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MISCELLANEOUS.

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard," clear of encumbrances $1700 buys them, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up PETER H BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main st. Feb 16-dtf

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STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc, in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 16-dtf

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SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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147 South Water Street.
Apr 23-dtf

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty.—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 345 N Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m
Telephones { Office, 272 | Res., 216. } Residence 1446 N. Edward St

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m
Telephone—Residence, 364. Office, 365.
Residence—556 West North St.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

I. D. STINE.
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
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Aug. 26-dtf

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TAYLOR & MOFFETT,
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—Room 10, Opera House Block.—

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY, }

Mattie E. Sparks, Complainant, vs Margetta Sparks et al., Defendants—In Chancery, No. 13758.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D 1897, I, James J Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, March 10th, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit Commencing 30 feet west of the southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 2 of S K Thompson's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, thence north 150 feet parallel with the east line of said lot, thence west 30 feet, thence south 150 feet, thence east 30 feet to the place of beginning, in Macon county, Illinois

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of February, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors
Feb 16-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }
In the Circuit Court.

The Loan and Homestead Association, complainant, vs. Bartlett Clark et al., defendants In Chancery—No. 15726.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term of said court, A. D. 1896, I. James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Saturday, March 13, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit Lots Five (5) and Eight (8) in Block One (1) in LeForgee & Patterson's Addition to the City of Decatur in Macon county, Illinois

Terms of Sale —$350 cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance in twelve months, deferred payment to be secured by approved personal security and a mortgage on the premises sold, and to bear interest at 6 per cent. from day of sale or the purchaser may pay all cash if he so desires.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 12th day of February, A D 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
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Jan 11-dtf

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Jan. 6-dtf

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect Feb. 7, 1897.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*1 05 a m	13	*3 50 a m
14	*11 45 a m	15	*3 55 p m
16	+7 40 a m	17	+7 35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	*3 40 a m	6	*1 25 a m
11	*6 55 a m	4	*11 25 a m
5	+4 05 p m	14	*11 42 a m
15	*4 00 p m	10	*5 58 p m
1	*12.13 a m	2	*11 17 p m
7	*7 20 p m	17	*12 55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	*5 28 a m	1	*12 10 a m
4	*11 30 a m	7	*7 17 p m
2	*11 30 p m	5	+3 50 p m
10 Laf. acm	+4 40 p m	3	*3 20 a m
		11	+10 30 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	*4 05 p m	4	*11 20 a m
3	*5 40 a m	2	*10 40 p m
17 Spfd only	+7 40 p m	16 from Spfg	+7 35 a m
11 Spfd acm	+10 54 a m	10 Effm acm	+4.56 p m

*Daily. +Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special. daily ....1.32 a m	Diamond Special, daily .... 2:55 a m
No. 104, daily, 11.25 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday .... 9:30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday ..... 2 00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday .. 10.10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday .....6 11 p m	No. 123, daily, 3.32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday... 2.25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday ... 10.15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6.00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 9 05 p m
No 130 daily to Chicago .. 11 52 a m	No 1.9 daily, to St. Louis... 3 58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1 ... 10 42 a. m.	A No. 2 ... 2 41 p. m.
D No. 3 ... 10 10 p. m.	A No. 4 ... 3 50 a. m.
A No. 31 ... 4:50 p. m.	A No. 30 ... 6 15 a. m.
	S No. 36 ... 7-10 a. m.

Depart for Peoria	Depart for Evansville
A No 2 ... 2 47 p m.	A No. 1 ... 10 50 a. m.
A No 4 ... 4 10 a. m	D No. 3 ... 10 20 p. m.
A No. 30 ... 6 35 a m	A No. 31 ... 5 00 p. m.
S No. 36 ... 7 30 a. m.	A No 11 ... 3 15 p. m.
A No. 10 ... 10 42 a m	
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 3 Pass *1.00 a m	No. 2 Pass ..+11 25 a m
" 1 Pass +2 25 p m	" 4 Pass *10 20 p m
" 7 Acc +10 00 a m	" 8 Accom +4 00 a m

*Daily. +Except Sunday ‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.

In effect Jan 17, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.
No. 7, Ex., Sun. 11 42 a. m . . . For Peoria
No. 5, Ex., Sun. 7 40 a. m . . . For Peoria
FOR THE EAST
No. 20, Ex., Sun 8 00 a. m. . For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex. Sun 3 25 p m For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, Doing business as Smith & Calkins—Debtors.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, doing business as Smith & Calkins, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1896, transfer to the undersigned, as assignee, all his property real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Smith & Calkins are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the City of Decatur in said county, within three months from this date

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.
Dated December 30, 1896. Jan 6-d6w

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Uriah Edgecombe, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Uriah Edgecombe, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned

Dated this 26th day of January, 1897.
HANNAH EDGECOMBE, Administratrix.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys Jan 26 d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Ferby Holman, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Ferby Holman late of the County of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.
DAVID T HOLMAN, Administrator.
Feb 10 d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Mamie E Dennis and all persons holding any claim or claims against said Mamie E Dennis are hereby notified to present the same to him under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated February 10, 1897.
Feb 10-6w A. F GEBHARD, Assignee.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating Company will be held at their office on Monday, March 1, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

W. H. ELWOOD, President.
O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
Feb. 5-dtd

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M. D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive proposals for the entire stock of goods, consisting of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, tinner's tools, etc, up to March 1 1897. The stock is clean, and if desired the building can be rented for the coming season, or can be purchased reasonable.

Macon, Ill., Jan 11, 1897.
Jan. 29-d6w W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th Wanted, everybody to read this article For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodaule Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom Peniwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 18 dtf

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are requested to announce J C HANEAS a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce P. B. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention

We are authorized to announce JAMES O MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O W SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention

We are autherized to announce WILLIAM BUNDY as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention

We are authorized to announce J T LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce LANDY H. MARTIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS—Called meeting of "Golden Crown Camp No 120, R N of A, in G. A R Hall at 2:30 o'clock p m Saturday for degree staff drill INDIA HILL, Oracle. D E. KINGSLEY, Recorder

I. O O F—All members of Progress Rebekah Lodge, No 141, are requested to meet at the hall, corner of North Main and North streets, a 7 30 o'clock this (Friday) evening Degree staff please be present. CORDIE UNDERWOOD, N. G ELIZABETH STINE, Sec

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Baby cough syrup at Irwin's.

Drink Cool's 35c combination coffee.

Hot water bottles, all sizes, 75c each, at West's drug store —19-dtf

Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

Pure gum camphor, prevents moths, lowest price ever made, 50c a pound Wests drug store —19 dtf

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Irwin's vegetable pills cure biliousness.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Look at the ladies' $1 75 shoes in Powers' shoe store front window.—17d t3

Irwin s Iron tonic bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

The rehearsal for the home minstrels will take place this evening at the hall of the Grand Army post.

Largest and finest stock of face powders in Decatur at West's drug store, all at cut prices —19 dtf

Take the Vandalia Pennsylvania for Washington, D C, reduced rates for the inauguration.

I dislike to fry oysters on account of rolling the crackers. Buy both oysters and cracker meal at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co, telephone 344 —18 d3t

Russian corn cure gives the best satisfaction, for sale by I N. Irwin & Co.

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Go to W C Pluck, No. 109 East North street, for your spring wall paper. All new goods.—15 d6t

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Sunday will be honor day at the Presbyterian Sunday school. Sixty four members will receive honor certificates, presented by George W Miller of Paris.

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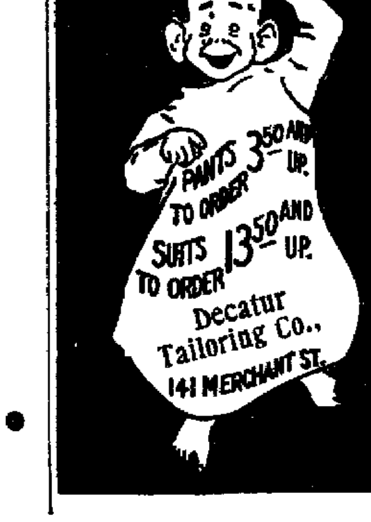

CONDITION OF HUGH CREA.

Relatives and Friends Deeply Concerned —He is in a Chicago Hospital.

Hon. Hugh Crea, senior member of the law firm of Crea, Ewing & Walker, has been a patient at the Augustine hospital at Chicago since the first of the year. That Mr Crea was ill and had gone away from business cares to recuperate was known to his family and a few friends. It was at his own personal request that the newspapers have remained silent as to Mr Crea's condition He has been afflicted with progressive kidney disease for a dozen years Two months ago at the Chicago hospital Dr E J Brown of this city, and two eminent Chicago physicians performed an operation for the relief of Mr. Crea, and the result has been anxiously awaited Yesterday Hon H. S. Green, of Springfield, a close friend of Mr Crea came down from Chicago, to visit the family, and at noon Miss Lillian Crea, with the son, Attorney Harry Crea, of Monticello, left the city for Chicago. It appeared that there was a change for the worse, but information late last night was to the effect that Mr. Crea's condition was considerably improved. Mrs Crea, being ill, could not go.

The legal and other duties of Mr. Crea during the past year brought upon him a realization of his serious condition, and after consultation with his physicians he resolved to go away for a rest and treatment, hoping for speedy recovery.

Speaking of Mr. Crea's affliction Dr Brown is quoted as saying.

'Mr Crea has been afflicted with a progressive kidney trouble for the past ten or twelve years The disease finally reached that stage where it became necessary for an operation to be performed. He was operated on at Augustine hospital eight weeks ago. Drs. Ochsner and Lydston performed the operation and I was present to assist them. Up until two weeks ago he progressed finely. He was able to be up part of the time and answer his correspondence. Since then it has been discovered that acute Bright's disease had developed with symptoms of uraemia His condition is serious but it is not hopeless "

News from Mr. Crea To-Day.

A telegram was received in Decatur at noon today from Chicago stating that Mr Crea is no worse today and that he is resting comfortably

Louis White went to Chicago last night to visit Mr. Crea. Mr. Walker will also go to Chicago as soon as he gets strong enough to make the journey.

Chan Powers in the South.

On Tuesday last at Hot Springs, Ark, Chan Powers of Decatur, the Illinois champion live bird shot, was in a shooting match and came out first best with four others The Hot Spirngs Morning Sentinel says: "About 400 people witnessed the Arkansas Travelers handicap event at the mid winter live bird tournament yesterday afternoon at Whittington park It was decidedly the most interesting yet given. The purse was $500 with $500 added which made it interesting to the shooters as well as the spectators There were 20 entries and 25 birds each " Powers, Settles, Merrill Sergeant and Murphy, each killed 24 birds and divided first money, each taking $64 50

I. O G T.

The following delegates from district lodge, No 5, which was on the 16 and 17, returned yesterday with good reports from Rescue lodge Miss Minnie Ritchie, Fred H Wismer, Decatur Lodge, Miss Emma Weigand and Miss Stoll, Faithful lodge, Rosa Ruckle, Myrtle Mills, Rosa Shenneman, Joe Burbans, Forsyth lodge, Wm Schroll and Ed Gundreman Lake City, Ed T. Beaver, County delegate, Ora Crane. They report 865 members in the district Next place of meeting will be at Fairmount, Ill., in August

Those who are to take part in the entertainment for All Angel's church next Monday are working hard every day practicing their parts This afternoon a rehearsal of the minstrel show was held at the opera house. Mrs Harwood, who has the minstrels in charge, has been training the boys every evening for some time past. New music and songs will be introduced and the show will without doubt be a good one. The seats are being all taken and a large audience is guaranteed.

The bible institute at Warrensburg yesterday was largely attended and was an interesting and profitable meeting A. H Mills was present. Today Mr Miller and other workers are holding an institute at Argenta. The institute in Decatur will begin at 10 a m. tomorrow at the Congregational church It will close Sunday afternoon.

The basket ball game which the Y. M. C A. of this city expected to play with the Springfield team on Feb. 25, will probably be postponed. One of the leading players will not be able to take part on account of illness and the game will be put off till a later date.

Ladies, do not forget the Woman's club for Political Study, will meet tomorrow at 2:30 p. m at the council rooms.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

The best seats are going fast for Monday night but there are some good seats left

Secure your seats for the All Angels' benefit on Monday night.

The ballads on Monday night will be exceptionally fine.

Banks Will Close.

All of the Decatur banks will close on next Monday, Feb 22, to observe Washington's birthday.—19-d3t

Death of an Infant.

The infant child of Walter and Lelah Addis died of lung fever this morning at 6 o'clock. Funeral from the residence, 453 South Water street, Sunday afternoon

Died.

At her home, 909 West Eldorado street, Feb 17, Mrs C W. Wahlquist, aged 25 years. Deceased leaves a husband and two children, one a babe one day (12 hours) old at the time of dissolution

Performed an Operation.

Last evening Dr W. M. Catto assisted by Dr. John Miller, performed a surgical operation on the 12 year old son of Mrs. Allen of Blue Mound They removed a tumor of the face The operation was a delicate one but the child will not suffer any serious results

Running Full-Handed.

The George S. Lyon Planing Mill company is now running the plant on full time with the usual busy days' force on duty. The company has a number of orders for mill work to turn out and more are expected. It is expected that considerable building will be done in Decatur and vicinity, judging from specifications submitted for estimates by contractors.

Will Open a Store.

Charles Martin, who formerly conducted a clothing store in this city, and who has been in Michigan for some time past, will return to Decatur about the first of March and open another clothing store. He has rented the room which is now occupied by George W. Jones, on East Prairie street Mr Jones will move into the Busher building on East Main street and soon as the repairs which are being made on the building are completed.

The Vitiscope Co.

The Edison vitiscope and vaudeville company are drawing good houses at the Grand and tonight the house should be filled to the overflow as the price is only 10, 20 and 30c and the one picture of the Empire State Express running at the rate of 60 miles per hour alone is more than worth the price of admission, say nothing of the 16 or 17 other pictures as well as the splendid specialties Every man, woman and child in Decatur should see these wonderful pictures and tonight is the last chance.

Personals.

—F. H. Ross left yesterday for Colorado Springs

—Miss Lillie Drow is visiting friends near Sangamon

—A J.Gillespie and wife are in Springfield visiting relatives.

—Mrs A Robinson, of Warrensburg, was in the city today

—Miss Maud Martin is ill at her home on North Edward street.

—Hon. H S Green, of Springfield, is in the city for a few days

—B W Dillehunt and B. F Andrews were Pana visitors yesterday.

—Charles G Martin, who has been ill for some time, is reported better

—Miss Etta Lord, the daughter of Officer Andrew Lord, is dangerously ill

—Miss Nannie Odor has gone to Hot Springs Ark, where she will visit friends

—Attorney I D Walker was able to be at his law office today to attend to business

—J. P Philpott left yesterday for Xenia, Ill, and will reside on his farm near that place

—Thomas Fay and wife left this morning for Chicago where they will make their home.

—Mrs. H. C Anthony and son will spend Sunday with friends and relatives in Chicago.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. F Calhoun are at Clinton, owing to the dangerous illness of Mrs. Etherton. She cannot recover.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman left last night for Carbondale to attend the wedding of Anna Wilson and Louis Stoddard

—Attorney C. C. Leforgee and Col. Mathias returned last night from Webster City, Iowa, where they went on a business trip

—Mrs. McFadden, who has been in the city visiting relatives, left today for her home in Covington, Tenn.

—Pana Beacon Light: Miss Gertrude Nassau of Decatur, will attend the masquerade tonight. She will be the guest of Miss Villa Cox, while in the city.

—Mrs. Jacob Hanes and daughter, Mrs. Flood, and her son, Chester, Joseph Arthur, wife and daughter, Mrs. Ida Arthur and daughter, Mrs Frank Lehman and daughters, Katie and Emma, and Mrs James Good of Forsyth, all went to Maroa yesterday to visit Mrs Lillian Hanes Stoughtenborough Some of the party returned last night. The others will return today.

Secure your seats for the All Angels' benefit on Monday night

Juvenile Temple.

The members of Decatur Juvenile Temple, I. O. G T, will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the hall in the library block. Officers will be elected and a full attendance is desired The lodge has not been meeting for several on account of repairs which were made in the hall.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 25c.

CITIZENS' MUTUAL TELEPHONE.

Meeting of the Stockholders—No Election —Adjournment to March 1

In compliance with legal notice a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Mutual Telephone company was held last night for the purpose of transacting routine business and to elect two directors. These stockholders were present: J C Crane, E M Hopkins, Dr J C Harvey, Wm. Lewis Charlie Moore J O Newberry, J C Spillman, D H Dunbar A F. Hopkins, C S Hankins, Wm J ... A Marie Macpherson A F R ... D L Rossenburg, G W Scovill ... J. F. Van Gundy, Samuel W... H M Whitmer and F C Roby In addition to these there were present ... Lee, representing F M Hopkins Deputy Sheriff Sam Stabler who was representing some kind of a writ he had in his pocket It was supposed to be in the interest of Mr Hopkins

George W Scovill the president of the company, called the meeting to order C S. Hankins offered a motion that the stockholders proceed to elect two directors, by a vive voce vote This plan was not agreeable to the Hopkins people who hold a majority of the stock, held largely by Mr Hopkins As a substitute for the Hankins motion, it was proposed by Mr Hopkins that there be a poll of the stock that all might know who owns the stock and who was voting it The substitute was adopted W. M Lewis, Miss A Marie McPherson and C S Hankins were selected as the committee The committee began its work and then on motion the Hopkins interest secured an adjournment until March 1 when it is said Mr Hopkins will have secured two thirds of the stock and be in a position to elect two directors

The anti-Hopkins people claim to be able to hold their own The March meeting will probably settle the contentions which have existed for over a year

PROHIBITION MEETING

The Members of the Party of Macon County are Holding a Conference in This City

A conference of the members of the Prohibition party of Macon county was held at the W C T. U hall in this city today Oliver W Stewart, the state chairman, is here to assist in the meeting There was a fairly good attendance at the conference and matters pertaining to the work of the party were discussed Mr Stewart presided This morning Rev A. W Hawkins made an address on the subject, "What Can We Do for the Cause." A short talk was made by the chairman

This afternoon Mr Stewart made an address on "Prohibition Principles Rev. James Hobbs spoke on the subject "Why I Am a Prohibitionist" He said that in communities where Prohibition was a fixed fact that the people had peace plenty good government common sense and religion He gave other reasons why he was opposed to the liquor traffic and why he was a party prohibitionist Rev J H Hughey read a paper on "The Best Plan for Work in this County" in which he referred to the holding of outdoor meetings, work in the school house and the distribution of prohibition literature A petition in favor of woman suffrage was presented and signed by those in attendance

Another session will be held this evening when an address will be made by Mr Stewart He is traveling through the state holding conferences in different cities for the purposes of assisting in the work

Bread Bread Bread.

We are now making the finest and best bread in the city, notwithstanding the **Second Day Bread from St. Louis**, that is being sold by some grocers at 5c per loaf straight for 16 ounces Our bread for sale at all grocery stores that handle bread, 3 16 ounce loaves for 10c or 24 ounces for 5c, and fresh Take your choice and be convinced

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A New Vegetable Garden

Located in the heart of the city, 243 North Main, where you will find fresh rhubarb, mushrooms, radishes, spinach lettuce, oyster plant, cranberries, home grown celery and California celery, new beets, water cress and parsley at Pearl Oyster and Fish Co, telephone 344 —18 ...

Garden Seeds

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M Ferry & Co 's fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co 's —jan 29 d&wtf

The senate at Albany has passed a bill making Grant's birthday, April 27 a half holiday in New York, Brooklyn and Westchester.

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KILLED IN NEW YORK

A Persistant Effort to Kiss a Woman Results in the Death of the Kisser

A WOMAN GIVES THE FATAL BLOW.

The Trouble was Among the Italians and Too Much New York Whiskey was at the Bottom of the Tragedy.

New York, Feb 20 —Vittorio Margigliano, who combines in one person the calling banker and barber, and Angelina Frauta, his so-called common law wife, are in custody charged with being responsible for the death of Francisco Priori, a laborer Mott street was the scene of the tragedy Yesterday Priori, who had been drinking, tried to kiss Mrs Luigi, whom he came upon as she was gossiping with some other Italian women, not only Mrs Luigi but her companions as well. They resented the familiarity and beat Priori soundly with sticks The latter, however, was persistent and when Mrs. Luigi ran into Margigliano's quarters his place of business Priori followed and seized her about the waist. The barber banker interferred and with a blow of his fist floored Priori Springing to his feet Priori drew a knife and slashed Margigliano on the cheek. Before Priori could make a second cut Mrs Frauta, armed with a club was upon him and with a swinging blow laid him senseless on the floor An ambulance was called and Priori was conveyed to a hospital where he died today Margigliano and his Amazonian mistress have been locked up to await the action of the coroner's jury.

BUSHNELL GETS AN IDEA

Gen Grosvenor Believes the Governor Will Name the Cleveland Man for Senator.

Washington, Feb 20 — 'It looks more promising than ever for the selection of Mark Hanna to succeed Senator Sherman after March 4," said Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio, "and there does not seem to be any other way out of the dilemma for Governor Bushnell The straightforward manner in which Mr Cox has acted in this transaction has of course been instrumental in causing the governor to take the course wished by the people of Ohio and our latest advices are to the effect that the governor of Ohio will do the proper thing and appoint Mr Hanna as senator.

'There has been no question in my mind all along about the course Governor Bushnell would pursue in this matter and he seems to have taken counsel with his friends rather than the enemies, coming to the conclusion that Mr Hanna is the best possible selection he could make to bring about harmony in the ranks of the Republican party of the Buckeye state No one has been authorized to say what Governor Bushnell would or would not do in this matter and no attempt has been made to coerce him to make any promise. He has been left perfectly free and untrammeled for it was pretty well understood that he knew and appreciated the situation in Ohio and would do what was right and proper under the circumstances "

Foraker Has a Vision.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb 20 —Considerable significance is attached to an interview which Representative Swingle of Muskingum county is said to have had with Foraker in Cincinnati last night A special from Zanesville states that Foraker expressed himself to Swingle in the following manner

"Governor Bushnell will be a candidate for renomination and re-election He has made a good governor and will no doubt settle the matter of the United States senatorship satisfactorily to all loyal Republicans when the time arrives President McKinley and I are on good terms, and if Hanna is appointed to fill the vacancy the matter of public patronage can or at least ought to be satisfactorily arranged I want no dissension or controversy that would make it unpleasant to myself or to the administration. I would much prefer to retain my office here in Cincinnati than go to the United States senate with dissension or unpleasant complications "

Senator Kyle Announces His Po...

Pierre, S D, Feb 20 —A meeting was held last night of the Republican members of the legislature who assisted in electing Senator Kyle, which was addressed by leading Republicans of the state who gave their sanction to the action of yesterday and who were followed by the senator in an outline of his position He denied any deal or change of party but stated that he believed the people of the country had voted